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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						Capital Cities, Census, 30th June, 1947 (Prelim- inary Count).
		Census—30th June, 1947 (Preliminary Count).			Estimated—30th September, 1947.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,492,827	1,492,637	2,985,464	1,497,415	1,497,320	2,994,735	1,484,434
Victoria . .	87,884	1,014,508	1,040,744	2,055,252	1,017,337	1,043,341	2,060,678	1,226,923
Q'land . .	670,500	567,539	538,730	1,106,269	568,600	540,320	1,108,920	402,172
S. Aust. . .	380,070	320,220	325,996	646,216	322,167	327,087	649,254	382,604
W. Aust.	975,920	258,303	244,428	502,731	260,296	246,363	506,659	272,586
Tasmania	26,215	129,285	127,832	257,117	129,785	128,354	258,139	76,567
N. Terr. . .	523,620	7,379	3,487	10,866	7,487	3,604	11,091	2,538
A.C.T. . .	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	9,348	7,899	17,247	15,156
Australia	2,974,581	3,799,153	3,781,667	7,580,820	3,812,435	3,794,288	7,606,723	3,862,980

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	(b)	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	(b)	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,737,571	1,871,067	1,005,378	595,830	466,758	242,149	5,739	11,721	6,936,213
1940	2,791,355	1,914,813	1,031,236	599,029	474,154	244,044	8,977	14,156	7,077,764
1943	2,871,063	1,981,889	1,054,426	616,096	478,382	244,261	10,396	13,793	7,270,306
1944	2,901,431	1,998,320	1,068,123	623,131	484,917	246,892	10,469	14,605	7,347,888
1945	2,933,436	2,015,583	1,084,758	631,012	490,256	250,281	10,540	15,432	7,431,298
1946	2,962,932	2,040,281	1,096,683	640,552	497,177	254,599	10,636	16,386	7,519,246

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
Year ended 30th June.									
1939	2,735,778	1,872,253	1,008,062	595,119	466,970	237,667	5,942	11,965	6,933,756
1944	2,871,808	1,982,255	1,054,646	616,218	478,388	244,187	10,399	13,793	7,271,694
1945	2,901,849	1,998,575	1,068,503	623,207	484,866	246,975	10,469	14,605	7,349,049
1946	2,932,806	2,015,670	1,084,019	631,050	490,151	250,313	10,530	15,431	7,429,970
1947	2,963,621	2,039,875	1,097,168	640,489	497,219	254,583	10,671	16,383	7,520,009
Year ended 31st December.									
1938	2,722,722	1,865,216	1,001,866	593,231	463,874	236,353	5,812	11,534	6,900,608
1943	2,857,894	1,973,706	1,047,229	613,369	476,846	242,873	9,563	13,638	7,235,118
1944	2,886,576	1,990,192	1,061,325	619,496	481,630	245,623	10,432	14,198	7,309,472
1945	2,917,823	2,007,083	1,076,498	627,221	487,667	248,598	10,505	15,012	7,390,407
1946	2,945,724	2,025,976	1,090,123	635,260	492,959	252,207	10,561	15,885	7,468,695

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census.

NOTE.—The population estimates from 1939 until the Census of 30th June, 1947, include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, prisoners of war and internees from overseas. As from the 30th June, 1947, the population figures include defence personnel in Australia according to their actual location and are exclusive of members of the forces overseas.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.							
New South Wales	8,416	7,907	16,323	3,883	2,998	6,881	8,077
Victoria ..	6,015	5,642	11,657	2,859	2,654	5,513	5,704
Queensland ..	3,354	3,123	6,477	1,391	963	2,354	2,884
South Australia ..	1,981	1,887	3,868	799	728	1,527	1,736
Western Australia	1,567	1,508	3,075	724	504	1,228	1,379
Tasmania ..	853	844	1,697	311	231	542	678
Northern Territory	35	29	64	13	2	15	23
Australian Capital Territory ..	103	77	180	15	11	26	51
Australia ..	22,324	21,017	43,341	9,995	8,091	18,086	20,532

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.(a)

New South Wales	35,774	33,624	69,398	16,032	12,418	28,450	30,172
Victoria ..	24,391	22,975	47,366	11,261	10,181	21,442	20,437
Queensland ..	14,599	13,761	28,360	5,937	4,179	10,116	10,999
South Australia ..	8,383	7,934	16,317	3,335	2,880	6,215	6,668
Western Australia	6,580	6,294	12,874	2,778	1,945	4,723	5,282
Tasmania ..	3,623	3,517	7,140	1,309	1,054	2,363	2,584
Northern Territory	140	136	276	54	11	65	124
Australian Capital Territory ..	328	327	655	63	32	95	191
Australia ..	93,818	88,568	182,386	40,769	32,700	73,469	76,457

(a) Excludes, from 1st January to 30th June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

State or Territory.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	..	47,319	59,612	61,662	67,247	69,398
Victoria ..	..	..	30,344	39,358	41,200	46,693	47,366
Queensland ..	..	..	18,992	24,520	26,713	27,024	28,360
South Australia ..	..	..	9,410	13,311	14,033	15,813	16,317
Western Australia..	..	..	9,141	10,870	10,672	12,105	12,874
Tasmania ..	..	..	4,907	5,200	5,785	6,847	7,140
Northern Territory	..	..	102	89	90	132	276
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	200	384	405	518	655
Australia ..	..	..	120,415	153,344	160,560	176,379	182,386

Births, Deaths and Marriages—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION(a).					
New South Wales	17.38	20.65	21.13	22.83	23.24
Victoria	16.27	19.78	20.53	23.05	23.06
Queensland	18.96	23.10	24.81	24.79	25.66
South Australia	15.86	21.49	22.37	24.89	25.24
Western Australia	19.71	22.57	21.88	24.56	25.58
Tasmania	20.76	21.17	23.27	27.15	27.69
Northern Territory	17.55	8.53	8.57	12.50	25.32
Australian Capital Territory	17.34	27.05	26.98	32.61	38.75
Australia	17.45	20.98	21.73	23.62	24.06

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census.

DEATHS (a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,105	26,652	26,994	28,579	28,450
Victoria	18,955	20,502	20,496	21,534	21,442
Queensland	9,201	9,385	9,459	10,648	10,116
South Australia	5,539	5,984	6,049	6,461	6,215
Western Australia	4,234	4,478	4,712	4,753	4,723
Tasmania	2,288	2,494	2,413	2,549	2,363
Northern Territory	69	31	35	55	65
Australian Capital Territory	60	70	73	82	95
Australia	66,451	69,596	70,231	74,661	73,469

(a) Excludes, for the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION(a).

New South Wales	9.59	9.23	9.25	9.70	9.53
Victoria	10.16	10.30	10.21	10.63	10.44
Queensland	9.18	8.84	8.79	9.77	9.15
South Australia	9.34	9.66	9.64	10.17	9.61
Western Australia	9.13	9.30	9.66	9.64	9.39
Tasmania	9.68	10.15	9.71	10.11	9.17
Northern Territory	11.87	2.97	3.33	5.21	5.96
Australian Capital Territory	5.20	4.93	4.86	5.16	5.62
Australia	9.63	9.52	9.50	10.00	9.69

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	24,579	26,426	25,283	31,684	30,172
Victoria	17,113	17,857	16,501	21,405	20,437
Queensland	8,853	11,325	9,905	11,666	10,999
South Australia	5,489	6,019	5,321	6,700	6,668
Western Australia	4,153	4,506	3,788	5,171	5,282
Tasmania	2,082	1,935	1,868	2,650	2,584
Northern Territory	67	31	48	63	124
Australian Capital Territory	75	102	108	157	191
Australia	62,411	68,201	62,822	79,496	76,457

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.
Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION(a).					
New South Wales	9.03	9.15	8.67	10.76	10.11
Victoria	9.17	8.97	8.22	10.57	9.95
Queensland	8.84	10.67	9.20	10.70	9.95
South Australia	9.25	9.72	8.48	10.55	10.32
Western Australia	8.95	9.36	7.77	10.49	10.50
Tasmania	8.81	7.88	7.51	10.51	10.02
Northern Territory	11.53	2.97	4.57	5.97	11.38
Australian Capital Territory	6.50	7.18	7.19	9.88	11.30
Australia	9.04	9.33	8.50	10.64	10.09

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,829	1,889	2,032	2,068
Victoria	1,038	1,258	1,155	1,268	1,245
Queensland	784	768	795	791	874
South Australia	287	387	394	428	396
Western Australia	309	354	315	376	398
Tasmania	195	199	159	207	195
Northern Territory	6	2	5	4	12
Australian Capital Territory	8	9	5	10	13
Australia	4,607	4,806	4,717	5,116	5,201

INFANTILE MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	30.68	30.63	30.22	29.80
Victoria	34.21	31.96	28.03	27.16	26.28
Queensland	41.28	31.32	29.76	29.27	30.82
South Australia	30.50	29.07	28.08	27.07	24.27
Western Australia	33.80	32.57	29.52	31.06	30.92
Tasmania	39.74	38.27	27.48	30.23	27.31
Northern Territory	58.82	22.47	55.56	30.30	43.48
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	23.44	12.35	19.31	19.85
Australia	38.26	31.34	29.38	29.01	28.52

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	- 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	- 2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	- 2,629
1946 ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,081	26,957	50,038	- 15,148
1947 ..	39,865	27,903	67,768	31,289	25,868	57,157	10,611

(a) Exclude* troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Racial Origin of Persons who arrived or departed.

Racial Origin.	Quarter ended Dec., 1947.	Year.		Quarter ended Dec., 1947.	Year.	
		1946.	1947.		1946.	1947.
		Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.	
European—						
American (U.S.) ..	580	1,857	2,468	329	3,363	1,398
British (b) ..	19,352	27,789	54,423	13,036	37,295	48,620
Danish ..	54	73	131	35	107	95
Dutch ..	204	1,379	596	140	5,609	1,186
Finnish ..	3	5	16	3	11	24
French ..	203	586	929	171	600	853
German ..	97	296	654	405	236	656
Greek ..	614	218	1,482	24	47	108
Italian ..	178	27	295	159	137	365
Norwegian ..	19	59	78	18	97	77
Polish ..	311	346	1,698	37	119	191
Russian ..	43	175	357	27	151	161
Swedish ..	21	23	83	20	52	62
Swiss ..	47	42	108	25	97	114
Yugoslav ..	25	93	77	15	53	64
Other ..	1,137	629	2,408	179	296	594
Total European ..	22,888	33,597	65,803	14,623	48,270	54,568
Non-European—						
Chinese ..	182	452	913	295	768	1,510
East Indian (natives) ..	14	21	32	18	252	44
Filipino ..	2	4	41	3	9	14
Indian and Cingalese ..	90	511	623	142	547	778
Japanese ..	..	3	4	1	13	5
Malay ..	4	6	49	28	57	56
Thai ..	6	10	20	4	15	12
Syrian ..	18	25	56	6	11	37
Other Asiatic ..	31	204	131	20	67	80
Papuan ..	18	27	35	7	5	9
Polynesian, Melanesian ..	7	20	31	..	14	5
Other Non-European ..	3	10	30	2	10	39
Total Non-European ..	375	1,293	1,965	526	1,768	2,589
GRAND TOTAL ..	23,263	34,890	67,768	15,149	50,038	57,157

	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australiar Residents Departing Permanently.		
American (U.S.) ..	246	948	1,137	51	2,604	343
British (b) ..	7,740	14,313	22,812	3,335	22,653	16,141
Other European ..	2,487	2,451	7,161	680	3,552	2,070
Non-European ..	162	505	655	190	997	1,025
Total ..	10,635	18,217	31,765	4,256	29,806	19,579

(a) Excludes troop movements prior to July, 1947.

(b) Includes Maltese and Cypriote.

NOTE.—(1) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are classified as temporary migrants irrespective of period of proposed stay abroad or in Australia, permanent migration refers to persons intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. (2) Although the title of this table has been changed, the term "Racial Origin" being substituted for "Nationality or Race", there has been no variation in the method of compilation. The particulars shown are directly comparable with those published in issues of this publication prior to No. 190 under the heading of "Nationality or Race". The figures should not, however, be regarded as a completely accurate record of "Racial Origin", as they are based on the passenger's own statement as to race, which in many cases may incorrectly express the country of his nationality or birthplace rather than actual race. So far as available information permits, however, migrants are classified according to race. This applies particularly in cases where a person's nationality differs from race through naturalization or marriage.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Future Permanent Residence of Departures.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.		
	Quarter ended Dec., 1947.	Year.		Quarter ended Dec., 1947.	Year.	
		1946.	1947.		1946.	1947.
Australia.. ..	7,135	6,330	18,305	5,533	6,702	18,764
Great Britain	6,104	10,124	16,973	1,983	8,238	7,743
Canada	97	539	388	131	451	715
Fiji	151	619	814	149	517	775
Hong Kong	76	171	330	58	685	388
India and Ceylon	1,115	1,596	3,791	286	1,123	1,313
New Guinea, Territory of	310	325	839	731	2,285	3,093
New Zealand	3,088	6,386	9,843	3,112	6,911	10,900
Norfolk Island	18	35	57	19	141	91
Papua	367	364	862	180	851	796
Solomon Islands	26	22	70	48	101	117
South Africa, Union of	114	400	741	346	797	906
Straits Settlements	396	586	1,216	328	1,886	1,484
Other British Possessions	524	574	1,348	246	762	998
Total British Countries	19,521	28,071	55,577	13,150	31,450	48,083
China	235	1,120	1,528	224	962	1,287
Egypt	198	249	441	15	43	41
France	92	175	604	40	237	249
Germany.. ..	903	64	1,140	335	3	344
Italy	192	51	361	128	80	233
Japan	29	17	71	16	52	61
Netherlands East Indies	217	1,144	454	118	2,273	747
New Caledonia	103	298	525	102	278	522
Philippine Islands	11	66	132	20	144	114
South Sea Islands	36	147	150	24	228	140
United States of America	758	2,279	3,258	694	9,721	3,867
Other Foreign Countries	968	1,209	3,527	283	4,567	1,469
Total Foreign Countries	3,742	6,819	12,191	1,999	18,588	9,074
GRAND TOTAL	23,263	34,890	67,768	15,149	50,038	57,157

(a) Excludes troop movements prior to July, 1947.

(NOTE.—(1) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included under "Australia," both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more. (2.) This table is not comparable with particulars previously published on this page, which related to arrivals and departures classified according to country of *embarkation or disembarkation*, and not of last permanent residence or future permanent residence as above.

PRODUCTION.

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Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46 ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,426,473
1946-47(a) ..	13,172,438	1,727,434	259,738	2,005,748	324,393	21,019,017

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46 ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	665,881
1946-47(a) ..	117,262,132	15,565,000	5,803,000	2,357,000	4,027,000	552,000

(a) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(b)	Tons.(b)
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944-45 ..	6.25	4.41	25.15	0.83	20.31	2.96
1945-46 ..	12.46	13.22	24.30	1.27	20.02	2.83
1946-47(a) ..	8.90	9.01	22.36	1.18	17.74	2.43

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Per acre of productive crop.

AREA OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39..	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1943-44..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,302	1,533,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944-45..	2,844,804	2,141,729	332,365	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,463,151
1945-46..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47..	4,474,894	3,501,135	247,996	2,518,948	2,418,668	7,539	3,258	13,172,438
1947-48(a)	5,100,000	3,241,000	479,000	2,350,000	2,800,000	6,000	5,000	13,981,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1943-44	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	89,351	109,719,577
1944-45	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,980,766	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,879,802
1945-46	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47	15,682,230	48,970,908	704,835	27,006,001	23,800,000	139,235	58,923	117,262,132
1947-48(a)	101,000,000	48,000,000	10,400,000	34,250,000	34,500,000	140,000	101,000	228,390,000

(a) Estimated.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1943-44	17.64	11.06	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944-45	6.02	1.63	21.00	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.25
1945-46	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47	8.50	13.99	2.84	11.08	9.84	18.47	18.09	8.90
1947-48a	19.80	14.81	21.71	14.57	12.32	23.33	20.00	16.34

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
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HORSES.

1939	531,355	343,828	(a) 444,521	(a) 195,834	(a) 143,674	(a) 30,458	a 33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1943b	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	a 43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944b	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	a 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945b	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	a 31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946b	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	a 31,883	1,048	1,285,398
1947b	379,774	227,164	343,172	109,274	80,746	23,925	a 30,019	1,101	1,195,175

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	a 6,097,089	(a) 318,897	(a) 767,680	(a) 262,407	a 899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1943b	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	a 978,434	6,967	14,005,320
1944b	3,143,378	2,013,033	6,524,553	414,997	870,939	230,127	a 978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945b	3,144,701	1,903,101	6,623,112	391,323	852,563	224,668	a 984,370	9,320	14,133,167
1946b	3,116,834	1,827,087	6,542,210	374,096	833,567	216,306	a 960,039	7,867	13,878,006
1947b	2,983,093	2,060,061	5,945,285	423,980	811,949	220,119	a 972,990	9,169	13,426,646

SHEEP.

1939c	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1943b	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	a 34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944b	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	a 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945b	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	a 29,269	250,778	105,370,865
1946b	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	6,786,538	9,765,983	1,925,604	a 18,561	224,680	96,396,405
1947b	43,105,000	16,598,490	16,084,340	7,958,619	9,787,002	1,933,332	a 28,005	227,936	95,722,724

PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	(a) 325,326	(a) 71,292	(a) 82,922	(a) 45,317	(a) 355	573	1,155,591
1943b	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	(a) 532	779	1,563,000
1944b	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(a) 191	657	1,746,721
1945b	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	(a) 146	689	1,630,855
1946b	432,612	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	(a) 407	619	1,425,709
1947b	358,417	290,450	340,150	134,033	101,719	47,407	(a) 208	627	1,273,011

(a) December, previous year. (b) As at 31st March. (c) December, previous year—
 Q'land., S. Aust., W. Aust., Tas., N. Terr.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE).

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas-	Nor.	A.C.T.	Australia.
					(a)	mania.	Terr.		
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1942-43..	497,538	212,325	213,966	108,637	99,231	17,256	308	1,905	1,151,166
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	308	1,763	1,016,489
1945-46..	431,549	152,398	173,249	73,604	86,986	16,338	155	1,960	936,239
1946-47(c)	432,621	197,076	148,400	92,000	84,000	16,643	150	2,019	972,909

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Forecast.

PRODUCTION OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	53,045	53,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1942-43 ..	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943-44 ..	41,231	49,838	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45 ..	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,963
1945-46 ..	34,947	51,148	45,790	8,277	5,884	4,314	3	150,363
1946-47(a) ..	28,751	60,152	33,668	9,786	6,300	4,651	4	143,312
July, 1947, to March, 1948(b)	27,710	49,728	36,163	7,508	6,149	3,996	..	131,254

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1942-43 ..	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	30,134
1943-44 ..	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45 ..	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46 ..	2,218	14,957	12,025	10,035	814	1,189	..	41,238
1946-47(a) ..	2,082	17,654	7,574	12,613	1,012	1,163	..	42,098
July, 1947, to March, 1948(b)	2,246	14,782	7,837	9,916	914	397	..	36,092

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Factory only. Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN-WEIGHT).

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1942-43 ..	156,014	105,328	200,407	28,148	22,389	11,354	10,000	829	534,469
1943-44 ..	145,216	100,539	187,288	26,176	19,926	11,017	10,000	514	500,676
1944-45 ..	125,896	99,287	175,327	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	311	461,119
1945-46 ..	134,384	75,417	137,236	21,154	23,578	8,273	6,225	377	406,644
1946-47(a) ..	139,877	95,555	190,192	24,383	26,278	8,233	2,736	543	487,797
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	117,526	74,690	143,447	19,443	19,803	5,374	2,335	450	383,068

MUTTON.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1942-43 ..	93,580	71,826	32,318	20,661	18,195	5,649	38	531	242,798
1943-44 ..	101,193	86,509	34,870	25,661	20,205	6,365	36	552	275,391
1944-45 ..	90,027	86,807	29,083	27,683	16,722	6,299	36	568	257,225
1945-46 ..	82,059	53,800	23,132	16,724	15,868	5,666	36	516	197,801
1946-47(a) ..	68,609	57,922	17,411	17,264	15,763	5,042	51	556	182,618
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	45,975	39,797	13,396	13,340	11,911	3,187	48	442	128,096

LAMB.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1942-43 ..	60,290	77,409	1,787	18,050	8,324	4,272	..	216	170,348
1943-44 ..	55,708	59,277	1,492	20,272	12,172	4,196	..	236	153,353
1944-45 ..	48,621	56,440	1,641	19,205	9,094	2,901	..	266	138,168
1945-46 ..	40,219	32,815	1,781	9,265	6,302	2,243	..	236	92,861
1946-47(a) ..	41,488	56,762	1,245	14,310	6,782	2,171	..	261	120,019
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	34,039	49,486	1,118	13,992	7,958	1,780	..	221	108,594

PORK.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1942-43 ..	11,376	9,963	9,343	3,033	3,863	1,347	17	69	39,011
1943-44 ..	14,532	11,226	8,709	5,892	3,649	1,446	17	11	45,482
1944-45 ..	8,605	11,407	8,249	9,013	4,006	1,270	17	3	42,570
1945-46 ..	6,335	9,595	9,363	4,072	4,749	988	17	3	35,120
1946-47(a) ..	5,256	5,626	8,312	2,457	3,121	956	17	18	25,763
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	3,368	4,648	4,343	2,304	1,521	903	24	23	17,134

(a) Subject to revision.

Production of Meat (Bone-in-Weight)—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,236
1942-43 ..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	..	46,802
1943-44 ..	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	..	45,723
1944-45 ..	20,148	12,103	13,298	4,544	5,007	1,190	..	..	56,290
1945-46 ..	17,409	9,377	10,699	5,239	4,608	1,255	..	..	48,587
1946-47(a) ..	15,830	11,523	9,983	5,094	4,638	1,150	..	..	48,218
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	9,675	8,234	7,274	3,710	2,931	963	..	..	32,787

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1942-43 ..	343,883	277,808	263,441	76,534	58,984	24,479	10,055	1,645	1,056,829
1943-44 ..	337,519	272,082	250,296	84,908	62,489	24,827	10,053	1,313	1,043,487
1944-45 ..	303,371	272,096	234,247	85,674	55,491	21,437	10,053	1,148	983,517
1945-46 ..	289,111	185,693	187,561	59,074	57,408	19,050	6,278	1,132	805,347
1946-47(a) ..	278,975	230,149	232,135	66,055	58,901	18,127	2,804	1,378	888,524
July, 1947, to March, 1948a	215,420	180,972	173,215	54,644	45,590	12,688	2,407	1,136	686,072

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-Iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1942-43 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	1,557,641	20,402	263,183	14,241,811	2,931	221,834
1943 ..	751,279	14,192,942	1,399,306	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,841
1944 ..	656,867	13,756,088	1,305,357	28,056	189,485	9,365,726	2,547	174,358
1945 ..	657,213	12,853,821	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
1946 ..	824,480	13,911,843	906,283	17,755	184,314	9,073,481	2,127	192,117
1947 ..	(d)937,329	(d)14,821,104	(d)1,343,132	(d)17,000	(c)196,623	(c)9,527,140	(d)2,000	(c)182,258
1948(c)	(d)190,607	(d)2,979,262	(f)934,648	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Not yet available. (d) Subject to revision. (e) First three months, January-March. (f) Nine months July to March.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944 ..	657,163	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,381
1945 ..	461,303	661,430	676,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,811	7,031,024
1946 ..	344,497	936,262	675,164	6,760	6,640,075	165,334	105,376	8,873,468
1947(b)	539,008	911,681	774,425	6,769	7,575,574	161,986	118,560	10,088,003

SILVER AND LEAD.

1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	477	23,916	358,966	..	5,588,557
1943 ..	3,752,672	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,058	..	4,335,382
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,682
1945 ..	4,625,665	1,622	17,788	601	22,757	259,560	..	4,927,993
1946 ..	6,999,553	2,687	836,869	224	43,860	527,937	..	8,411,130

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Subject to revision.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,500,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,284,805
1946 ..	344,682	..	648,122	..	105	716,212	6,282	1,715,403

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1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	838,795
1944 ..	309,880	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	291,788	9,869	207,948	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,870
1946 ..	257,153	14,917	220,901	..	5,838	240,584	3,228	742,621

COAL (Black).

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1939 ..	6,768,659	259,814	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	8,633,588
1942 ..	9,472,363	411,107	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,153,087
1943 ..	9,290,095	429,358	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,151,126
1944 ..	9,206,063	407,793	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,117,343
1945 ..	8,694,168	494,690	1,759,811	14,508	572,896	125,719	..	11,661,292
1946 ..	9,582,985	392,812	1,692,272	47,411	730,104	137,736	..	12,583,320

ALL MINERALS.

1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1942 ..	16,690,283	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,893,770
1943 ..	16,477,501	1,593,994	4,214,525	3,070,716	6,383,755	2,378,533	130,795	34,249,819
1944 ..	16,406,096	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,497	2,220,136	126,025	33,515,612
1945 ..	16,112,615	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,369,991	5,894,238	1,934,066	176,197	32,522,608
1946 ..	19,369,473	2,079,353	4,761,403	2,776,145	7,586,707	2,855,674	166,543	39,595,298

(a) Excludes Brown coal produced—1939, £385,952; 1942, £469,699; 1943, £528,666; 1944, £566,444; 1945, £641,069; 1946, £706,504.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.
(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46. (a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	62,411	78,219	82,141	72,636	100,939
Pastoral ..	63,821	85,358	101,014	108,406	98,440	86,312
Dairying ..	33,782	34,344	42,244	44,823	46,183	49,540
Poultry ..	7,302	6,505	10,537	12,727	14,800	15,129
Bee-farming ..	123	408	323	393	517	413
Total Rural ..	146,707	189,026	232,337	248,490	232,576	252,333
Trapping ..	1,422	5,046	3,550	6,684	6,207	8,554
Forestry ..	7,780	10,051	10,590	11,224	11,259	12,261
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,773	1,930	1,968	2,235	2,600
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	33,410	30,767	27,612	26,831	26,288
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	50,280	46,837	47,488	46,532	49,703
Total All Primary	184,939	239,306	279,174	295,978	279,108	302,036
Factories ..	203,416	316,438	352,001	366,236	362,284	354,479
Total All Industries	388,355	555,744	631,175	662,214	641,392	656,515

(a) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION.

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—continued.
PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.(a)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	6 0 3	8 14 9	10 17 2	11 5 11	9 17 8	13 11 9
Pastoral ..	9 4 1	11 18 11	14 0 5	14 18 2	13 7 11	11 12 4
Dairying ..	4 17 5	4 16 2	5 17 3	6 3 3	6 5 8	6 13 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	0 18 2	1 9 3	1 15 0	2 0 3	2 0 9
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 1 2	0 0 11	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 1 1
Total Rural ..	21 3 2	26 9 2	32 5 0	34 3 5	31 12 11	33 19 3
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 14 1	0 9 10	0 18 5	0 16 11	1 3 0
Forestry ..	1 2 5	1 8 2	1 9 5	1 10 10	1 10 8	1 13 0
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 4	0 5 5	0 6 1	0 7 0
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	4 13 6	4 5 5	3 15 11	3 13 0	3 10 9
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 3	7 0 9	6 10 0	6 10 7	6 6 8	6 13 9
Total All Primary	26 13 5	33 9 11	38 15 0	40 14 0	37 19 7	40 13 0
Factories ..	29 6 9	44 5 10	48 17 2	50 7 4	49 5 11	47 14 2
Total All Industries	56 0 2	77 15 9	87 12 2	91 1 4	87 5 6	88 7 2

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—STATE DETAILS, 1945-46. (a)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	35,657	20,327	18,731	13,781	8,099	4,344	100,939
Pastoral ..	34,043	18,098	18,944	6,198	6,804	2,225	86,312
Dairying, &c. ..	21,596	20,813	13,700	5,154	2,474	1,345	65,082
Total Rural ..	91,296	59,238	51,375	25,133	17,377	7,914	252,333
Trapping, Forestry, Fish- eries ..	8,933	6,051	3,011	1,709	1,793	1,918	23,415
Mines and Quarries ..	13,116	1,735	2,831	2,378	4,244	1,984	26,288
Total Non-Rural ..	22,049	7,786	5,842	4,087	6,037	3,902	49,703
Total All Primary ..	113,345	67,024	57,217	29,220	23,414	11,816	302,036
Factories ..	153,179	122,406	30,270	25,602	13,826	9,196	354,479
Total All Industries	266,524	189,430	87,487	54,822	37,240	21,012	656,515

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establish- ments.	Hands Em- ployed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value o Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	435,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
1943-44	27,674	766,506	216,873,819	358,139,374	498,923,060	366,235,487	891,739,216
1944-45	28,930	750,579	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,888,671	362,283,355	886,004,777
1945-46	31,184	745,258	205,878,733	372,484,159	488,287,428	354,479,039	899,803,112
1946-47(c)	34,767	803,698	236,839,766	382,539,875	568,694,344	412,945,025	1,012,647,955

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. „ materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. „ production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. „ output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. „ land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. „ plant & machinery £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127

1945-46.

1. Factories .. No.	12,287	10,195	2,945	2,395	2,280	1,082	31,184
2. Hands employed(a) ..	310,870	256,249	65,460	63,188	30,256	19,235	745,258
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	87,647,460	70,499,214	18,011,966	16,769,768	7,883,814	5,006,511	205,818,783
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,206,641	6,940,980	2,298,019	2,851,320	1,835,677	904,011	27,036,648
5. „ materials used £	201,706,086	159,797,941	58,633,079	37,770,050	18,360,635	12,019,637	488,287,428
6. „ production .. £	153,179,489	122,406,082	30,269,653	25,601,628	13,826,527	9,195,657	354,479,086
7. „ output of fact's. £	367,092,216	289,145,003	91,200,751	66,222,998	34,022,839	22,119,305	869,803,112
8. „ land & buildings £	80,308,347	60,264,953	14,331,556	18,446,966	8,282,694	5,304,703	186,939,219
9. „ plant & machinery £	72,560,630	58,537,934	18,690,541	19,017,955	8,507,705	8,230,715	185,544,940

1946-47(c).

1. Factories .. No.	13,961	10,948	3,367	2,707	2,615	1,169	34,767
2. Hands employed(a) ..	343,119	264,526	71,599	70,711	33,806	19,937	803,698
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	103,587,559	77,659,765	20,310,541	20,538,958	9,105,010	5,637,933	236,839,766
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	13,964,552	7,823,488	2,627,507	3,620,194	2,049,489	923,336	31,008,566
5. „ materials used £	245,436,182	175,656,507	62,134,914	52,015,884	20,472,010	12,978,867	568,694,364
6. „ production .. £	186,546,408	133,579,433	35,336,669	31,066,494	15,748,476	10,667,545	412,945,025
7. „ output of fact's. £	445,947,142	317,059,428	100,099,090	86,702,572	38,269,975	24,569,748	1,012,647,955
8. „ land & buildings £	81,894,595	62,585,493	15,391,033	18,659,534	8,756,924	5,678,205	192,965,784
9. „ plant & machinery £	75,234,273	59,035,802	19,995,249	18,408,224	8,430,574	8,499,969	189,604,091

(a) Average over whole year : includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous				
Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	4,758,486	4,734,190	5,473,040
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	4,528,864	4,781,511	6,065,447
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	25,928,424	23,516,420	22,581,459
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	157,391,098	147,577,793	129,692,358
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,020,772	1,044,031	1,375,856
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	22,766,729	22,275,487	22,035,957
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	5,885,080	5,737,305	6,850,142
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	24,896,161	27,654,833	29,834,761
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	59,153,039	62,474,043	61,987,739
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	14,684,261	15,062,688	15,590,292
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200,035	4,063,839	4,240,457	5,467,214
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	18,350,059	19,646,332	20,496,204
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,862,931	3,850,470	4,181,676
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	155,806	183,277	206,973
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	5,283,655	5,490,554	6,608,907
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	13,506,283	14,013,964	16,031,011
Total ..	203,416,610	366,235,487	362,283,355	354,479,036

PRODUCTION.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1946-47.(a)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(b) ..	23.23	24.49	20.29	23.69	23.79	22.95	23.39
Fuel, Light, &c. ..	3.13	2.47	2.63	4.18	5.36	3.76	3.06
Materials used ..	55.04	55.40	62.07	59.99	53.49	52.82	56.16
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	18.60	17.64	15.01	12.14	17.36	20.47	17.39
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	55.53	58.14	57.48	66.11	57.82	52.85	57.35

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44
1945-46—Males ..	335.34	330.86	314.56	305.70	306.74	301.35	326.99
Females	172.65	179.26	155.85	156.05	142.62	159.02	171.88
1946-47b—Males ..	355.02	349.60	322.54	328.17	315.15	323.62	345.43
Females	190.48	196.32	167.04	162.89	155.20	173.45	187.94

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

(b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1946-47.(a)

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	255,733	187,727	59,309	56,739	27,575	16,186	603,269
Females..	87,386	76,799	12,290	13,972	6,231	3,751	200,429
Masculinity(b) ..	293	244	483	406	443	432	301

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.**OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—AUSTRALIA.**
(,000 omitted.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1943-44 ..	3,604	880	4,484	4,360	843	5,203
1944-45 ..	3,887	597	4,484	3,587	1,062	4,649
1945-46 ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1946-47 ..	4,486	700	5,186	4,165	1,055	5,220
1946-47 (six months) ..	2,437	398	2,835	2,266	540	2,806
1947-48 (six months) ..	2,379	377	2,756	1,951	588	2,539

(a) For 1943-44 to 1945-46—excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO(a).—Discharged and Shipped.
(^{000 omitted.})

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
1946-47 (six months.)								
New South Wales ..	1,424	164	662	265	1,620	143	729	318
Victoria ..	1,067	132	604	256	272	178	286	244
Queensland ..	176	133	200	33	217	83	246	55
South Australia ..	771	98	205	66	1,342	97	238	51
Western Australia ..	111	97	282	19	27	43	145	51
Tasmania ..	179	149	60	6	234	136	17	12
Northern Territory ..	6	5	..	..	4	3	..	..
Total ..	3,734	778	2,013	645	3,716	683	1,661	731
1947-48 (six months.)								
New South Wales ..	1,446	204	803	450	1,676	133	454	219
Victoria ..	1,218	81	864	262	296	99	343	212
Queensland ..	159	141	269	40	239	73	195	29
South Australia ..	770	88	301	99	1,253	100	333	55
Western Australia ..	142	88	300	38	58	36	230	98
Tasmania ..	200	156	46	1	200	128	18	8
Northern Territory ..	7	1	3	..	6	1	5	4
Total ..	3,942	759	2,586	890	3,728	570	1,578	625
Total 1946-47 ..	7,278	1,565	4,171	1,394	7,264	1,273	3,097	1,357
" 1945-46 ..	6,196	1,522	4,600	1,649	6,216	1,213	2,462	1,470
" 1944-45 ..	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,666	1,640	3,060	1,811
" 1943-44 ..	7,215	1,965	4,138	1,781	7,517	1,722	3,355	1,702
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) For 1943-44 to 1945-46 excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1948.

These rates are expressed in sterling and subject to an adjustment of 25½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	6s. 6d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	1 ½ d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	193s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef ..	1 ½ d. per lb.
Lamb ..	2d. " "
Mutton ..	1 ½ d. " "
Rabbits and Hares ..	140s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	123s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) ..	123s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	123s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw) ..	107s. 6d. per ton weight.
Jams ..	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	123s. " " "
Dried Fruits ..	97s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—	
Apples (Refrigerator) ..	6s. 10d. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	6s. 10d. (a)
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Bulk ..	102s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bagged ..	110s. " " "
Barley ..	122s. 3d. " " "
Oats ..	128s. 9d. " " "
Maize ..	114s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheaten ..	120s. " " "
Bran ..	132s. 6d. " " "
Pollard ..	125s. " " "
Rice (clean, husked) ..	122s. 3d. " " "
WINE ..	123s. per ton measurement.

(a) 8s. 4d. for shipments on behalf of Ministry of Food, England.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—	
Calf ..	1d. per lb.
Sheep ..	1 ½ d. " "
Rabbit ..	2 ½ d. " "
Other ..	2 ½ d. " "
Pearl-shell ..	123s. per ton measurement.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st March, 1948—continued.
(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)**

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—continued.

Wool—					
Greasy .. .. .	..	..	..	1½d. per lb. + 5 per cent. less	
Scoured and Washed ..	..	..	..	7½ per cent.	
	..	..	..	2½d. per lb. + 5 per cent. less	
	..	..	..	7½ per cent.	
Tops .. .. .	..	..	..	2½d. per lb. (net)	
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—					
Compressed Fodder .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.	
Bark, Tanning .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton weight.	
Copra .. .. .	..	..	..	119s. 6d. per ton measurement.	
Sandalwood .. .. .	..	..	..	123s.	" "
Raw Cotton (in bales) .. .. .	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.	" "
APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—					
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.	
Binder Twine .. .. .	..	..	..	215s. per on weight.	
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—					
Oils—					
Eucalyptus .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.	
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	138s. per ton weight.	
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	..	..	..	138s.	" "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.	
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	144s. 6d. per ton weight.	
Zinc—					
Ex Risdon .. .. .	..	..	..	45s.	" "
Other than above .. .. .	..	..	..	65s.	" "
Dust (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	289s. 6d.	" "
Sheet (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	126s. 6d.	" "
Copper .. .. .	..	..	..	90s.	" "
Lead .. .. .	..	..	..	65s.	" "
Steel—					
Billets (up to 20 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	80s.	" "
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	95s.	" "
Tyres .. .. .	..	..	..	108s. 6d.	" "
Tin Clippings in Ingot form .. .. .	..	..	..	42s.	" "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUB- STITUTES THEREFOR—					
Rubber .. .. .	..	..	..	110s. 6d. per ton measurement.	
Leather .. .. .	..	..	..	269s. per ton weight.	
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber—					
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	46s.	per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	49s. 3d.	" "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	53s.	" "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	24s. 3d.	" "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS .. .. .	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement	
STATIONERY .. .. .	..	..	..	123s.	" "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers .. .. .	..	..	..	123s.	" "
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap .. .. .	..	..	..	123s.	" "
Casein .. .. .	..	..	..	193s. 6d.	" "
SPECIE .. .. .	..	..	..	15s. per cent.	

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1948.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane .. .. .	..	51 6	..	58 0	..
Sydney	51 6	..	..	50 0	..
Melbourne	58 0	50 0	..	..	..
Adelaide	66 6	58 0	..	50 0	..
Fremantle	77 6(a)	71 0	..	64 6	..
Hobart	107 6(b)	49 0	..	42 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	107 6(b)	49 0	..	38 0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	67 6	..	67 6	125 6
Wellington .. .. .	..	67 6(c)	..	67 6(c)	125 6(c)
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	67 6	117 0(c)	67 6	117 0(c)
Dunedin .. .. .	..	67 6	117 0(c)	67 6	117 0(c)
New Hebrides	60 0(d)	60 0(d)	..	..	..
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	50 0(d)	..	..	..
Papua	60 0(d)	60 0(d)	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea	80 0(d)	80 0(d)	..	..	..

(a) Direct; plus 10s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges. (d) Plus 35 per cent. surcharge.

NOTE.—In these tables import values are expressed on the revised basis of valuation in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE. IMPORTS.

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
New South Wales ..	52,837	46,463	115,516	52,968	87,850	86,531	94,269
Victoria ..	40,419	31,654	73,837	40,342	61,615	69,411	76,462
Queensland ..	9,070	6,257	14,760	6,958	12,246	13,109	13,657
South Australia ..	6,670	4,623	5,308	6,463	10,007	13,406	13,609
Western Australia ..	6,138	4,219	4,607	5,205	5,509	9,341	9,464
Tasmania ..	1,291	798	843	1,269	1,306	1,799	1,813
Northern Territory ..	33	..	..	163	197	58	89
Total ..	116,458	94,014	214,871	113,368	178,730	193,655	209,363

EXPORTS.(a)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
New South Wales ..	45,903	37,509	60,837	57,811	76,841	105,930	116,580
Victoria ..	30,819	35,539	40,071	43,075	75,916	82,275	88,611
Queensland ..	28,652	15,139	18,283	26,190	27,085	42,213	43,195
South Australia ..	14,841	14,088	19,167	18,902	20,154	29,076	32,512
Western Australia ..	17,070	8,191	12,382	18,673	19,458	20,940	23,008
Tasmania ..	3,198	2,465	2,531	3,590	3,612	5,081	5,081
Northern Territory ..	13	..	..	104	222	6	17
Estimated unrecorded ..	..	..	2,000	..	..	..	..
Total ..	140,406	112,931	155,271	168,315	223,288	285,521	309,004

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
1938-39..	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39..	256,954	116,458	135,476	5,020	140,496	37 1 2	16 15 11	19 10 9	0 14 6	20 5 3
1944-45..	370,142	214,871	151,605	3,666	155,271	50 7 4	29 4 9	20 12 7	0 10 0	21 2 7
1945-46..	402,018	178,730	218,821	4,467	223,288	54 2 2	24 1 1	29 9 1	0 12 0	30 1 1
1946-47..	518,367	209,363	304,429	4,575	309,004	68 18 8	27 16 10	40 9 8	0 12 2	41 1 16
1947-48 (nine months)	530,282	244,491	281,304	4,487	285,791	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores Shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Shires' Stores £A'000 were—1938-39, £2,106; 1944-45, £11,373; 1945-46, £6,332; 1946-47, £4,507 and 1947-48 (nine months) £4,032.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1938-39..	113,217	3,241	116,458	121,533	18,963	140,496	8,316	15,722	24,038
1944-45..	212,090	2,781	214,871	155,262	9	155,271	56,828	2,772	59,600
1945-46..	177,095	1,635	178,730	196,424	26,864	223,288	19,329	25,229	44,558
1946-47..	208,343	1,020	209,363	308,884	120	309,004	100,541	900	99,641
1947-48 (nine months)	243,233	1,258	244,491	281,082	4,709	285,791	37,849	3,451	41,300

NOTE.—Minus sign denotes excess of imports.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1947 and 1948, the nine months ended March, 1947 and 1948, and the years ended June, 1946 and 1947.

Division.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.		Year ended June.	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.	1946.	1947.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	162,309	217,735	494,872	683,108	592,924	696,698
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	2,204,490	2,823,951	6,427,735	8,333,339	5,844,428	9,006,094
3. Sugar	118	1,115	1,825	4,635	244	2,602
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	347,844	442,628	845,193	1,089,599	947,130	1,132,248
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	877,645	1,302,918	2,194,666	4,309,294	1,432,289	3,393,351
6. Metals and Machinery ..	672,696	1,153,360	1,606,241	3,393,751	1,186,095	2,503,288
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	4,387,322	3,809,940	12,527,146	12,239,106	12,156,586	16,692,204
8. Earthenware, &c.	125,912	263,219	315,166	769,601	288,594	517,696
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	114,877	105,639	269,797	355,593	210,421	379,013
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	123,160	146,279	359,232	489,750	335,100	561,648
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	154,575	204,996	526,976	717,557	563,867	769,540
12. Leather and Rubber ..	165,237	209,277	386,236	582,752	240,541	693,725
13. Paper and Stationery ..	92,707	178,847	204,752	618,597	96,744	396,967
14. Vehicles	622,887	808,532	1,613,891	1,807,017	250,240	2,104,677
15. Musical Instruments ..	2,815	13,118	8,625	32,426	3,584	13,950
16. Miscellaneous	452,712	809,784	1,025,111	2,380,859	1,390,766	1,657,183
Primage	1,656,611	1,446,493	4,310,429	5,868,257	3,332,588	6,364,914
Ships' Stores	12,225	10,400	44,417	43,444	52,369	62,718
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	51,304	264,760	134,322	409,061	144,034	229,858
Total Customs	12,227,446	14,212,991	33,296,632	44,127,746	29,068,544	47,088,369
EXCISE.						
Beer	7,114,047	6,612,658	20,835,418	21,265,462	22,841,010	27,379,849
Carbonic Acid Gas .. ..	..	..	123,649	..	339,736	123,650
Cigarette Papers	241,166	242,311	698,473	799,732	686,369	942,407
Matches	317,576	281,063	1,031,965	994,057	1,150,641	1,365,996
Petrol	238,371	438,497	554,101	1,311,587	318,977	871,393
Playing Cards	10,807	13,535	35,950	43,899	37,289	45,801
Spirits	1,372,513	1,433,980	4,903,368	4,562,486	7,285,844	6,375,642
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	4,787,563	4,625,482	14,580,284	15,148,539	16,508,449	19,344,660
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	61,085	51,728	295,155	211,578	420,070	359,771
Total Excise	14,143,128	13,699,254	43,058,365	44,337,340	49,588,385	56,809,169
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	26,370,574	27,912,245	76,354,997	88,465,086	78,656,929	103,897,538
Refunds and Drawback paid	501,936	619,938	1,652,898	1,745,577	1,738,023	2,281,913
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	25,868,638	27,292,307	74,702,099	86,719,509	76,918,906	101,615,625

**IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947.**

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	New Zealand.	Palestine.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	Persia.	Sweden.	Switzerland.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.(a)
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	329	128	..	4	260	..	213	..	..	3	..	255	1,623
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	102	..	3,467	1,367	136	..	65	..	..	..	..	167	7,097
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	286	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	360
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	413	..	..	6	..	..	17	5	..	..	..	1,919	2,670
5. Live animals ..	80	45	..	..	42	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	84
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs ..	86	44	..	446	705	..	45	..	..	9	..	130	2,160
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	339	122	84	1,509	150	..	341	203	26	7	75	1,438	5,700
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	16,449	893	11	8,801	24	..	2	..	37	..	456	14,600	47,173
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	74	60	..	1,038	59	..	41	..	5,300	..	1	5,025	18,091
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	370	11	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	279	749
11. Rocks and minerals ..	63	67	11	85	9	..	137	75	156	4	9	327	1,418
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery ..	18,546	2,946	..	36	62	5	82	4	..	195	168	11,764	34,623
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	608	38	51	36	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	390	2,324
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	99	1,197	..	2	106	..	1	..	..	16	..	818	2,441
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	1,954	140	..	2	43	..	1	..	..	10	1	290	3,080
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	3,692	2,724	..	2	43	6	1	22	..	1,354	2	1,930	11,794
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	1,230	79	3	44	35	8	168	..	..	..	261	40	2,030
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments ..	1,051	85	..	2	9	5	1	..	..	5	4	756	1,953
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	2,241	124	15	17	12	107	28	66	..	44	124	1,458	5,688
20. Miscellaneous ..	1,626	37	4	54	76	4	5	4	1	9	7	393	2,830
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie ..	2	..	..	..	385	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	866
Total ..	49,590	8,740	3,646	13,451	2,175	135	1,159	379	5,520	1,656	1,109	41,982	154,664

(a) Excludes outside packages, £3,083,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya (British.)	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	Egypt.	France.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin..	22,796	61	597	539	518	229	268	102	603	5	3	89	30,358
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	6,120	64	4,453	4,968	2,744	1,835	64	159	2,792	4	3	13	32,743
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	542	68	6	4	6	160	1	..	..	..	1	1	999
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	99
5. Live animals	1	..	18	4	10	19	5	..	..	..	..	63	297
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	23,153	1,187	14	487	..	80	60	7,121	154	10,593	..	11,925	62,759
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	147	2	2	..	1	60	10	34	..	1	..	133	500
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	1,600	32	9	62	106	1,120	181	28	39	1	3	56	4,939
9. Oils, fats and waxes	207	..	4	207	6	88	9	16	..	6	..	..	1,036
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes	20	..	1	2	2	97	29	3	..	14	..	1	289
11. Rocks and minerals	723	..	..	2	1	42	..	845	6	92	2	705	2,667
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery	6,388	23	228	1,141	244	2,615	496	41	16	11	64	660	16,139
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	475	3	2	11	3	252	45	8	2	..	..	2	1,153
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	188	9	105	1	99	256	70	..	..	..	4	9	854
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	3	..	5	3	5	140	2	..	..	..	..	..	303
16. Pulp, paper and stationery..	34	4	2	2	2	285	7	..	1	..	1	8	473
17. Fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces	8	2	3	1	1	54	48	..	2	..	..	23	224
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	21	..	8	15	1	242	11	2	..	..	4	4	429
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	158	18	12	60	48	414	27	6	44	48	4	120	1,825
20. Miscellaneous	232	16	4	10	110	293	20	9	2	5	14	112	1,956
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie	4,476	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	4,491
Total	67,292	1,489	5,473	7,519	3,907	8,287	1,353	8,374	3,661	10,780	104	13,926	164,533

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(a)
			<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	1 7.3 2 0.5	1 8.7 2 0.5	1 7.2 2 6.2	1 6.5 2 10.2	1 7.6 2 10.3	1 10.5 2 9.0	2 5.2 3 11.8	2 1.4 2 11.9	2 2.7 3 8.0	2 3.6 ..	2 3.4 ..	2 4.3 ..	1 10.8 ..
Wool, Scoured ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	2 7.1 3 3.5	2 7.8 2 7.2	2 10.8 3 10.1	2 9.2 4 9.5	2 9.3 3 7.6	2 11.3 3 0.7	3 1.0 3 6.4	3 7.9 3 9.4	3 2.1 4 3.7	2 8.2 ..	2 11.6 ..	3 2.5 ..	2 10.7 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	5 6.0 9 2.3	6 10.7 11 11.4	6 1.4 13 4.4	7 9.1 13 7.6	7 10.7 16 6.8	7 0.7 14 11.0	10 7.4 13 9.1	8 7.4 14 7.2	6 10.8 11 8.1	9 6.4 ..	8 3.9 ..	8 5.3 ..	7 9.6 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	{ 1946-47 1947-48	10 3.9 5 11.2	10 0.5 13 8.1	10 6.4 13 3.9	10 0.9 14 8.3	10 9.6 14 3.1	17 0.3 14 6.8	10 1.1 16 10.7	11 1.2 18 4.0	12 1.2 17 6.6	6 3.9 ..	5 9.7 ..	12 2.0 ..	10 4.9 ..
Butter ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	1 10.3 1 10.4	1 9.5 1 11.0	1 9.1 1 11.0	1 10.4 1 11.0	1 11.2 1 10.9	1 10.6 2 1.5	1 10.9 2 2.0	1 9.3 2 3.6	1 11.3 2 3.1	1 10.9 ..	2 0.3 ..	1 11.2 ..	1 10.6 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	0 5.6 0 5.6	0 6.3 0 6.0	0 5.9 0 7.4	0 5.9 0 6.1	0 6.3 0 6.6	0 6.5 0 6.9	0 6.0 0 7.5	0 6.0 1 0.3	0 8.7 0 9.9	0 5.8 ..	0 5.8 ..	0 6.3 ..	0 5.8 ..
Wine (b) ..	gal.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	8 5.4 9 1.5	7 1.4 7 1.9	7 9.2 8 1.5	7 8.4 10 6.4	8 0.9 7 3.0	8 5.2 10 1.7	8 5.0 7 1.1	8 8.1 10 10.3	9 5.7 11 10.8	10 2.6 ..	9 8.9 ..	8 8.5 ..	8 4.9 ..
Beef (Frozen) ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	0 7.6 0 6.3	0 5.5 0 6.1	0 5.6 0 6.2	0 6.1 0 6.0	0 5.4 0 6.4	0 5.9 0 6.5	0 6.5 0 6.4	0 5.8 0 9.0	0 7.5 0 6.8	0 6.7 ..	0 7.0 ..	0 6.3 ..	0 6.0 ..
Lamb ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	0 7.4 0 8.7	0 7.2 0 8.0	0 7.2 0 8.9	0 7.3 0 8.6	0 7.4 0 8.8	0 7.7 0 9.1	0 8.5 0 8.9	0 8.3 0 9.5	0 8.5 0 8.6	0 9.0 ..	0 10.2 ..	0 7.5 ..	0 7.7 ..
Mutton ..	lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	0 4.6 0 6.1	0 3.9 0 8.5	0 4.2 0 5.1	0 3.9 0 6.3	0 4.6 0 5.1	0 3.9 0 5.0	0 4.4 0 4.2	0 4.0 0 5.1	0 4.5 0 4.2	0 4.0 ..	0 4.7 ..	0 5.0 ..	0 4.1 ..
Flour ..	cental	{ 1946-47 1947-48	£ s. d. 1 3 10 1 16 3	£ s. d. 1 5 10 1 18 11	£ s. d. 1 6 3 1 19 2	£ s. d. 1 10 11 1 17 8	£ s. d. 1 5 11 1 14 6	£ s. d. 1 6 8 1 17 4	£ s. d. 1 9 2 2 1 0	£ s. d. 1 12 5 2 9 10	£ s. d. 1 16 7 2 1 10	£ s. d. 1 13 7 ..	£ s. d. 1 15 1 ..	£ s. d. 1 14 9 ..	£ s. d. 1 9 5 ..
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	3 1 4 6 14 0	2 1 6 6 12 2	4 2 0 7 2 6	4 7 6 5 17 9	5 1 11 6 2 2	5 16 5 6 9 6	6 2 4 7 14 2	6 5 11 6 16 5	5 0 0 7 0 0	6 9 8 ..	6 9 8 ..	6 4 6 ..	5 5 3 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	2 18 2 4 17 5	2 12 10 4 14 2	2 19 8 4 13 6	3 2 6 4 13 1	3 3 11 4 13 1	3 2 6 4 15 4	3 9 7 4 15 7	2 18 7 4 13 7	3 14 4 4 12 10	4 0 2 ..	3 15 3 ..	3 15 8 ..	3 8 6 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	2 13 6 3 9 7	2 15 6 3 11 1	2 17 5 3 7 11	3 1 2 3 16 7	2 19 4 3 10 5	2 13 11 3 9 7	3 2 3 3 12 0	3 6 10 3 9 11	3 9 4 3 9 11	3 10 5 ..	2 13 11 ..	3 9 3 ..	2 19 3 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	{ 1946-47 1947-48	21 17 9 ..	22 1 5 ..	23 18 6 ..	22 3 9 28 5 1	22 5 1 27 14 4	22 5 1 28 5 0	22 5 0 28 5 0	.. 32 0 0	.. ..	22 5 0 ..	.. ..	.. ..	22 7 10 ..

(a) Average price of total exports for the year.

(b) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

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SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	96,370 55,999	102,239 20,408	98,264 25,998	123,239 64,379	74,214 68,059	66,711 77,974	76,637 103,974	81,310 91,467	97,746 84,724	65,659 ..	74,393 ..	62,668 ..	1,019,450 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c. ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	13,718 18,550	18,081 17,104	17,238 11,430	19,397 16,883	15,230 9,819	11,867 13,848	15,981 18,647	9,935 13,234	14,550 10,348	17,433 ..	22,109 ..	15,457 ..	190,996 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	'000 No.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	1,094 1,295	1,184 477	2,738 499	2,654 1,368	2,294 628	1,605 1,295	1,146 1,255	1,247 992	1,086 1,637	897 ..	1,152 ..	1,093 ..	18,190 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	1,605 339	2,910 1,306	1,467 1,622	352 2,330	699 1,304	1 2,775	427 4,509	1,154 8,918	1,712 8,693	644 ..	335 ..	870 ..	12,176 ..
Flour ..	'000 cental	{ 1946-47 1947-48	1,211 1,299	2,481 634	1,103 1,321	1,258 1,866	753 473	895 1,440	735 1,162	1,604 1,317	855 1,619	1,471 ..	1,444 ..	1,492 ..	15,302 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	9,466 11,221	8,191 14,445	10,338 2,913	14,096 17,726	9,248 18,976	16,128 23,335	19,400 29,231	11,914 18,074	3,032 21,498	9,232 ..	10,106 ..	12,491 ..	133,642 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	26,093 14,696	4,472 12,018	6,534 4,091	2,758 2,771	1,176 2,407	1,635 3,291	2,158 738	359 39	140 349	5,382 ..	21,867 ..	6,383 ..	78,957 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	191 231	363 266	291 60	215 218	168 191	303 399	167 59	248 77	181 341	88 ..	190 ..	316 ..	2,721 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	3,157 24,303	18,299 42,630	27,631 32,477	24,222 32,322	20,927 31,047	16,783 5,154	10,475 6,768	10,922 1,862	1,929 7,860	8,504 ..	15,774 ..	21,715 ..	180,338 ..
Lamb ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	10,779 1,393	3,851 7,028	8,537 3,019	10,864 8,421	17,425 30,747	23,164 19,541	21,190 19,761	11,226 6,140	3,129 3,744	356 ..	187 ..	1,437 ..	112,095 ..
Mutton ..	'000 lb.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	5,825 751	8,051 3,573	8,721 1,588	7,904 983	2,526 951	3,554 1,325	5,266 2,846	3,670 961	3,126 1,710	1,300 ..	1,065 ..	1,200 ..	52,208 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	2 3	4 10	12 6	1 10	7 2	6 2	10 8	4 10	.. 3	3 ..	5 ..	6 ..	60 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	143 240	398 160	190 209	89 252	98 172	39 252	118 154	307 61	170 89	246 ..	410 ..	301 ..	2,509 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1946-47 1947-48	90 101	113 2	50 26	119 35	68 7	128 41	111 ..	26 44	31 33	22 ..	87 ..	71 ..	916 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	{ 1946-47 1947-48	18 1	36 2	24 ..	7 5	18 16	1 15	7 9	.. 10	1 ..	3 ..	1 ..	1 ..	117 ..

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	176	629	241	1,432
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	91	177	205	593
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	1	1	7	1
Potted or Concentrated .. .. .	..	3	8	49
Sausage Casings	70	6	198	285
Other	4	..	25	1
Milk and Cream	2	2	3	3
Other Animal Foodstuffs	47	58	122	135
Total, Class I.	391	876	809	2,499
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter	22	193	22	330
Cocoa and Chocolate	293	481	441	1,321
Coffee and Chicory	173	176	271	264
Confectionery	4	7	7	10
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	129	155	136	246
Fresh	2	..	2	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	1	..	1	3
Ginger	2	3	17	13
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	49	48	121	223
Prepared	4	..	6	10
Liquorice	10	11	34	32
Nuts, Edible	79	225	297	670
Pickles and Sauces	1	6	2	16
Sago and Tapioca	3	28	3	314
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	6	17	61	49
Spices	28	96	273	372
Sugar and Sugar Products	6	8	18	33
Tea	1,466	3,032	4,515	7,446
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	119	92	169	232
Total, Class II.	2,397	4,578	6,396	11,585
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter	5	10	5	21
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	8	25	8	53
Gin	5	2	5	18
Rum	2	3	3	8
Whisky	57	103	225	357
Other including Liqueurs	4	13	4	32
Wine—Fermented	5	16	7	43
Total Class III.	86	172	257	532

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	1,019	2,001	2,553	4,444
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	82	64	236	259
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	173	501	465	1,403
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	272	216	718	794
Cotton and Linen	2,982	5,926	8,121	19,979
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	305	654	857	1,808
Silk, including Artificial Silk	2,932	3,948	7,971	15,558
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	146	180	334	744
Woollens	143	420	407	858
Other	217	466	588	1,213
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	47	64	115	228
Towels and Towelling	124	292	305	683
Other Textiles	140	221	382	582
Total, Class VIII. (b)	8,582	14,953	23,052	48,553
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL. *				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.—				
Not knitted	41	63	107	150
Knitted	19	73	34	142
Boots and Shoes	21	92	42	196
Buttons	33	43	92	141
Furs and Other Skins	9	13	99	30
Gloves	58	196	156	543
Hats and Caps	72	114	216	324
Socks and Stockings	6	172	9	250
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	8	7	18	25
Trimmings and Ornaments	373	686	959	2,150
Other Apparel and Attire	202	292	448	848
Total, Class VIII. (c)	842	1,751	2,180	4,799
Total, Class VIII.	12,491	23,890	31,891	71,062
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	140	197	394	679
Oils—				
Kerosene	412	889	1,120	2,755
Linseed .. ..	..	177	3	1,367
Lubricating (Mineral)	651	581	1,597	2,770
Olive .. ..	..	65	3	143
Petroleum	3,170	3,855	7,359	12,055
Residual	640	1,711	3,099	4,374
Turpentine	71	113	260	286
Other	187	767	613	2,017
Total, Class IX.	5,271	8,355	14,448	26,446
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	336	404	780	1,132
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	3	9	8	31
Total, Class X.	339	413	788	1,163

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	176	151	455	663
Stones—				
Abrasives	38	65	110	197
Other	13	17	19	36
Other Minerals, &c.	554	587	1,295	1,342
Total, Class XI.	781	820	1,879	2,238
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	34	366	126	588
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	185	236	323	365
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	14	19	53	71
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	112	181	269	477
Pig and Scrap			2	1
Pipes and Tubes	18	38	63	149
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	196	157	494	665
Tinned	1,167	1,214	2,727	3,477
Nails	14	18	37	63
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.		9	5	18
Wire	48	143	157	353
Lamps and Lampware	41	50	132	146
Leaf and Foil	80	135	218	336
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	81	148	226	378
Platedware and Cutlery	388	538	1,043	1,511
Tools of Trade	282	635	750	1,667
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	393	391	1,706	1,031
Cycles and Cycle Parts	103	223	287	536
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	61	826	123	1,261
Chassis and Parts	3,605	4,805	9,928	11,097
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	188	440	457	998
Other Vehicles and Parts	172	258	447	736
Other Metals and Manufactures	844	1,550	2,203	4,130
Total, Class XII. (a)	8,026	12,380	21,776	30,054
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	43	12	153	55
Cable and Wire, covered	121	474	443	950
Dynamo Electric Machines	293	686	732	1,510
Lamps, Filament	56	109	143	293
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	356	326	935	943
Other Electrical Appliances	589	925	1,567	3,086
Total, Class XII. (b)	1,458	2,532	3,973	6,837

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	122	241	222	610
Dairying	80	191	169	363
Metal-working	449	1,054	1,006	3,133
Mining	95	204	356	608
Motive power	1,412	2,418	4,033	6,242
Printing	68	185	155	572
Machines—				
Sewing	245	353	521	919
Sheep-shearing	14	19	33	40
Textile-working and Appliances	351	426	852	1,140
Weighing	14	29	46	83
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	137	480	318	1,084
Other Machines and Machinery	1,237	2,035	3,040	5,485
Total, Class XII. (c)	4,224	7,635	10,751	20,279
Total, Class XII.	13,708	22,547	36,500	57,170
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	674	830	2,986	2,060
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	151	257	308	835
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	43	93	304	175
Other	132	114	315	342
Total, Class XIII. (a)	1,000	1,294	3,913	3,412
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	31	64	62	225
Leather Manufactures, &c.	15	26	37	70
Total, Class XIII. (b)	46	90	99	295
Total, Class XIII.	1,046	1,384	4,012	3,707
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	29	173	69	272
Undressed	918	634	1,726	2,659
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	149	147	339	464
Total, Class XIV.	1,096	954	2,134	3,395
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware	371	602	996	1,670
Glass and Glassware	353	830	881	2,325
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	183	360	471	877
Total, Class XV.	907	1,792	2,348	4,872

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued*.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
Paper—	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.
Parchment .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Printing	1,272	1,881	3,680	6,134
Wrapping	279	779	658	1,587
Writing and Typewriting	255	813	792	1,716
Other Paper	293	561	839	1,432
Pulp for Paper-making	121	571	802	1,848
Millboards and other Boards	105	555	227	1,383
Total, Class XVI. (a)	2,325	5,160	6,999	14,101
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	518	528	1,749	1,855
Pens and Pencils	135	336	389	1,072
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	23	44	54	96
Other Stationery	203	342	526	1,080
Total, Class XVI. (b)	879	1,250	2,718	4,103
Total, Class XVI.	3,204	6,410	9,717	18,204
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for Games	41	75	109	212
Toys, &c.	48	75	238	453
Other	275	169	740	611
Precious Stones, unset	100	190	369	471
Jewellery	58	139	212	364
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	178	345	555	912
Total, Class XVII.	700	993	2,223	3,023
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	167	166	438	523
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	95	164	314	463
Phonographs, &c.	23	52	75	137
Surgical and Dental Instruments	223	328	655	875
Other Instruments	204	398	576	1,063
Total, Class XVIII.	712	1,108	2,058	3,061
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	104	104	241	264
Argol	42	34	124	53
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	6	1	8	24
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	31	17	78	88
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	256	277	645	829
Other	182	186	549	586
Dyes	251	269	684	672
Fertilizers	778	507	2,313	1,962
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	24	12	87	60
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	156	76	319	313
Perfumery and Preparations	116	92	251	345

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—<i>continued.</i>				
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c. ..	30	49	70	126
Salt	16	20	39	56
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	17	128	130	197
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	4	43	29	75
Other	36	91	120	275
Spirituos Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices,				
Syrups	7	9	24	43
Other	36	18	69	103
Other Drugs and Chemicals	466	599	1,416	2,149
Total, Class XIX.	2,558	2,532	7,196	8,220
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	292	438	4,046	1,220
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	90	97	190	273
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	70	69	214	266
Brushware	63	76	189	276
Goods imported per parcel post	40	56	120	145
Musical Instruments, &c.	26	109	81	271
Outside Packages	1,066	1,665	2,882	4,748
Packings for Engines	56	115	170	307
Passengers' Effects	300	399	744	1,179
Vessels (Ships)	1	5	247	18
All other Articles	138	161	484	399
Total, Class XX.	2,142	3,190	9,367	9,102
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte	292	388	819	1,243
Silver, including Silver in matte	3	4	17	15
Total, Class XXI.	295	392	836	1,258
TOTAL IMPORTS.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	23,442	38,013	64,601	109,681
Victoria	18,970	31,613	53,621	87,599
Queensland	3,182	4,819	9,351	14,590
South Australia	3,730	6,006	9,609	17,172
Western Australia	2,323	4,951	6,346	12,353
Tasmania	548	1,167	1,303	2,824
Northern Territory	1	176	47	272
Total { Merchandise	51,901	86,353	144,042	243,233
{ Bullion and Specie	295	392	836	1,258
GRAND TOTAL	52,196	86,745	144,878	244,491

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—continued.
EXPORTS.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	3,207	7,667	9,459	16,147
Margarine	214	18	501	63
Cheese	681	842	1,882	2,485
Eggs	1,022	816	3,825	3,805
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	147	205	524	725
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	141	91	375	388
Mutton, Dehydrated	18	..	28	..
Potted or Concentrated	59	61	263	309
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	642	474	3,319	4,806
Lamb	1,251	1,115	3,568	3,677
Mutton	215	100	845	354
Pork	106	12	787	140
Rabbits and Hares	102	309	319	1,154
Preserved in Tins	1,651	1,106	6,270	4,242
Sausage Casings.. .. .	109	152	297	314
Other	296	456	1,083	2,046
Milk and Cream	853	1,087	3,374	3,455
Other Animal Foodstuffs	334	283	729	1,041
Total, Class I.	11,048	14,794	37,448	45,151
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	69	63	638	234
Biscuits	45	30	182	123
Confectionery	206	185	847	643
Fodders	125	78	232	271
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	4	4	130	149
Raisins	68	40	1,093	1,039
Other	38	54	188	261
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	15	265	375	668
Citrus	65	64	382	526
Other	76	142	106	177
Fruits, preserved in liquid	276	272	1,265	1,933
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	320	283	1,136	865
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	873	2,708	1,176	2,938
Wheat	1,892	19,612	5,508	26,348
Other	83	2,148	341	2,780
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	5,235	8,615	14,929	21,803
Rice	139	229	638	807
Other	402	1,339	1,898	3,080
Jams and Fruit Jellies	500	279	1,397	1,804
Sugar	228	627	2,680	1,775
Tea	15	19	124	65
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. .	1,054	618	2,482	2,129
Total, Class II.	11,728	37,674	37,747	70,418

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	22	7	121	50
Spirits (Beverages)	97	126	603	445
Wine	269	265	904	902
Total, Class III.	388	398	1,628	1,397
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	9	6	20	23
Tobacco	35	43	133	125
Total, Class IV.	44	49	153	148
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	6	20	20	62
Horses	66	32	132	181
Sheep	39	28	90	106
Other Animals	8	12	22	40
Total, Class V.	119	92	264	389
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	153	95	277	234
Fox .. ..	..	1	15	7
Kangaroo and Wallaby	282	126	1,083	350
Opossum	8	3	96	15
Rabbit	267	427	5,259	3,083
Sheep	1,648	2,595	6,123	6,300
Other	5	6	23	29
Pearl-shell	40	83	129	344
Trochus-shell	24	21	94	48
Wool—				
Greasy	27,447	44,729	73,598	85,396
Scoured and Tops	6,822	8,290	20,697	23,221
Other Animal Substances	35	46	97	154
Total, Class VI.	36,731	56,422	107,491	119,181
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	174	84	500	301
Seeds	19	35	122	170
Tanning Substances	46	53	132	153
Other Vegetable Substances	36	29	118	78
Total, Class VII.	275	201	872	702
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	399	289	1,285	1,808
Piece Goods	477	299	2,919	2,192
Other Textiles	297	158	1,304	545
Boots and Shoes	162	44	354	222
Other Apparel and Attire	869	309	3,274	1,271
Total, Class VIII.	2,204	1,099	9,136	6,038

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000 f.o.b.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	50	186	216	463
Oils	158	183	545	681
Tallow, unrefined	91	206	255	467
Total, Class IX. .. .	299	575	1,016	1,611
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES..				
	84	144	246	434
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETO.				
Coal	7	17	48	71
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	331	127	613	228
Zinc	468	532	747	1,557
Other	309	598	883	2,024
Other Rocks and Minerals	21	28	66	89
Total, Class XI. .. .	1,136	1,302	2,357	3,969
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	1,233	576	3,288	1,954
Lead—Pig and in Matte	2,537	2,107	5,998	9,853
Metal Scrap	15	..	60	6
Platinum, Osmium, &c.	6	..	8	..
Tin Ingots .. .. .	..	6	10	18
Vehicles	475	272	1,332	1,034
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	573	325	2,269	1,209
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,046	739	2,952	2,653
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	208	274	621	841
Machines and Machinery	951	1,228	2,631	4,098
Total, Class XII. .. .	7,044	5,527	19,169	21,666
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	123	40	773	309
Leather	490	340	1,595	1,171
Leather Manufactures, &c.	28	28	109	81
Total, Class XIII... .. .	641	408	2,477	1,561
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	145	339	624	1,112
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	41	37	145	118
Total, Class XIV.	186	376	769	1,230
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE				
	114	100	483	403

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1947.	1948	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	36	17	270	78
Stationery	153	166	581	578
Total, Class XVI.	189	183	851	656
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	17	13	51	28
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	66	74	345	282
Total, Class XVII.	83	87	396	310
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	18	53	55	129
Photographic Goods, &c.	44	61	119	228
Talking Machines, &c.	30	18	72	57
Other Instruments	78	74	235	221
Total, Class XVIII.	170	206	481	635
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FER- TILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	4	..	9	8
Medicines	184	179	990	744
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	99	88	298	262
Other	38	15	86	63
Perfumery and Preparations	160	73	712	225
Other Drugs and Chemicals	390	390	1,421	1,268
Total, Class XIX.	875	745	3,516	2,570
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	361	111	1,266	618
Goods Exported per parcel post	43	71	115	196
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	28	38	78	108
Personal and Household Effects	168	184	651	539
Vessels transferred abroad	45	31	143	240
All other Articles	230	223	1,014	912
Total, Class XX.	875	658	3,267	2,613
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	1	1	1	3,832
Silver, including Silver in matte	21	217	112	877
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Total, Class XXI.	22	218	114	4,709

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
TOTAL EXPORTS.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	25,190	45,234	89,071	93,827
Victoria	22,586	33,981	65,448	82,851
Queensland	8,130	10,840	32,262	35,289
South Australia	9,690	13,993	23,282	34,132
Western Australia	7,281	14,276	16,324	34,085
Tasmania	1,375	2,915	3,479	5,552
Northern Territory	3	19	15	55
Total { Australian Produce	73,258	120,462	226,999	281,304
{ Other Produce	997	796	2,882	4,487
Total { Merchandise	74,233	121,040	229,767	281,082
{ Bullion and Specie	22	218	114	4,709
GRAND TOTAL	74,255	121,258	229,881	285,791
Value of Australian Gold Production	2,318	2,051	7,453	7,517

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.
QUANTITY.						
1938-39 ..	Centals. 2,295,428	Centals. 359,236	Centals. 17,391	Centals. 2,719,638	Centals. 1,864,885	Centals. 307,164
1943-44 ..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172
1944-45 ..	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818
1945-46 ..	1,376,113	327,662	117,138	1,107,913	565,747	307,729
1946-47 ..	1,336,423	535,553	66,490	1,803,385	1,643,029	187,053
1947-48 (Nine months) ..	1,574,198	397,800	40,729	1,844,230	1,144,814	25,817

(a) Includes Veal.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—continued.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

VALUE.

	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1943-44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945-46 ..	12,272	1,689	1,039	2,834	1,540	1,205
1946-47 ..	12,570	2,643	578	4,582	4,544	844
1947-48 (Nine months) ..	16,147	2,476	388	4,806	4,031	140

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Bushels.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1943-44..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945-46..	880,989	30,721	367,344	12,484,156	10,377,511	7,113,581	945,167
1946-47..	915,144	41,890	716,887	12,175,543	15,301,958	10,194,503	1,908,254
1947-48 (Nine months)	476,212	35,612	614,775	31,796,055	11,130,890	5,929,820	1,298,090

VALUE.

	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1938-39..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1943-44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944-45..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46..	1,951	198	892	6,223	11,337	56,390	12,870
1946-47..	2,157	263	2,114	6,338	22,535	96,830	29,274
1947-48 (Nine months)	1,188	245	1,930	26,348	21,803	85,396	23,212

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nolls and Waste.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM EACH STATE TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.**

July—March, 1946–47 and 1947–48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947–48.	1946–47.

BUTTER.

	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.
United Kingdom	8,522	67,239	58,817	5,873	3,895	2,034	146,380	89,529
Australian Terri- tories ..	162	37	37	..	..	..	236	160
Ceylon ..	41	1,197	1	..	..	..	1,239	1,083
Hong Kong ..	794	134	23	..	..	..	951	285
India ..	158	41	32	..	..	..	231	332
Malayan Union	6	60	1	..	..	..	67	724
Malta ..	6	466	21	..	..	..	493	53
Palestine ..	687	161	336	..	..	..	1,184	212
Singapore ..	371	200	233	..	..	..	804	83
Trinidad and Tobago ..	172	397	..	916	..	..	1,485	166
Other British Countries ..	227	1,383	57	81	4	..	1,752	3,030
Egypt ..	336	635	56	..	..	..	1,027	108
Japan ..	472	..	..	..	..	..	472	1,026
Other Foreign Countries ..	295	701	103	..	..	..	1,099	2,173
Total								
Nine months— Quantity—								
1947–48..	12,249	72,651	59,717	6,870	3,899	2,034	157,420	..
1946–47..	2,494	70,242	19,795	5,247	1,910	2,134	..	101,822
Value—	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
1947–48..	1,303	7,498	6,166	651	311	218	16,147	..
1946–47..	238	6,569	1,763	500	181	208	..	9,459

CHEESE.

	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.	'000 lb. f.o.b.
United Kingdom	6	12,002	3,129	13,475	665	..	29,277	1,694
Ceylon ..	21	240	10	18	..	..	289	26
Hong Kong ..	56	181	76	..	..	..	313	29
India ..	9	278	70	22	..	..	379	28
Malayan Union	..	1	3	197	63	..	264	14
Malta ..	112	685	51	168	..	..	1,016	63
Palestine ..	8	2,614	..	..	..	..	2,622	214
Singapore ..	88	132	1	97	1	..	319	26
Union of South Africa ..	12	48	34	..	..	..	94	8
West Indies ..	238	228	53	162	..	..	681	50
Other British Countries ..	209	401	162	46	..	..	818	61
Egypt ..	371	2,146	179	4	..	..	2,700	176
French Depen- dencies ..	83	10	13	..	..	..	106	11
Japan ..	155	5	..	..	..	..	160	14
Philippine Re- public ..	41	56	205	..	..	..	302	30
Other Foreign Countries ..	70	362	8	..	..	..	440	32
Total								
Nine months— Quantity—								
1947–48..	1,479	19,389	3,994	14,189	729	..	39,780	..
1946–47..	1,528	21,858	2,538	12,928	14	2	..	38,868
Value—	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
1947–48..	117	1,233	279	809	38	..	2,476	..
1946–47..	123	1,000	135	612	1	..	..	1,871

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947-48.	1946-47.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	53	31	8	..	100	..	192	18	955
Australian Territories	50	13	103	..	..	..	166	17	81
Ceylon	23	180	..	112	..	..	315	29	495
Hong Kong	85	43	196	..	..	..	324	31	68
India	..	40	..	29	..	..	69	7	77
Malayan Union	30	10	15	..	..	..	55	7	535
Singapore	132	157	124	16	580	..	1,009	97	..
Other British Countries	103	107	14	45	5	..	274	31	87
Egypt	419	405	2	243	136	..	1,205	113	1,165
Japan	97	..	67	..	..	..	164	11	680
Other Foreign Countries	35	26	91	..	148	..	300	27	348
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	1,027	1,012	620	445	969	..	(a)4,073	..	..
1946-47..	2,188	1,018	35	523	727	..	..	..	4,491
Value—									
1947-48..	£A'000. f.o.b. 101	£A'000. f.o.b. 105	£A'000. f.o.b. 57	£A'000. f.o.b. 45	£A'000. f.o.b. 80	£A'000. f.o.b. ..	..	£A'000. f.o.b. (b) 388	£A'000. f.o.b. ..
1946-47..	169	109	3	34	60	..	..	..	375

(a) Includes 74 lb. from Northern Territory.

(b) Includes £A10 from Northern Territory.

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	1,675	685	158,466	48	5,392	..	166,266	4,213	118,710
Australian Territories	228	81	80	..	..	..	389	23	158
Ceylon	377	519	..	..	137	..	1,033	31	1,991
Hong Kong	1,541	..	1,403	..	..	..	2,944	79	2,597
Malayan Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,650
Malta	1,376	5	202	..	..	..	1,583	48	..
Singapore	1,651	1,822	718	236	1,454	..	5,881	163	..
Other British Countries	333	255	1,322	57	5	..	1,972	72	122
Egypt	205	18	2,001	..	..	..	2,224	78	1,648
Japan	914	..	267	..	..	..	1,181	58	3,467
Other Foreign Countries	696	160	94	..	..	..	950	41	3
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	8,996	3,545	164,553	341	6,988	..	184,423	..	..
1946-47..	14,716	16,181	87,094	2,834	13,521	..	..	..	134,346
Value—									
1947-48..	£A'000. f.o.b. 300	£A'000. f.o.b. 116	£A'000. f.o.b. 4,225	£A'000. f.o.b. 11	£A'000. f.o.b. 154	£A'000. f.o.b. ..	..	£A'000. f.o.b. 4,806	£A'000. f.o.b. ..
1946-47..	431	393	2,097	65	333	..	..	..	3,319

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947-48.	1946-47.

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	13,140	69,031	59	15,182	10,788	..	108,200	3,790	153,589
Ceylon ..	159	675	..	..	..	52	886	28	1,701
Singapore ..	121	1,455	..	34	247	..	1,857	53	..
Other British Countries ..	339	911	106	64	3	..	1,423	44	1,932
Japan ..	638	548	216	..	..	..	1,402	88	1,126
Other Foreign Countries ..	485	113	115	..	..	..	713	28	461
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	14,882	72,733	496	15,280	11,038	52	114,481	..	..
1946-47..	28,448	107,187	1,821	13,930	7,286	137	..	..	158,809
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	510	2,641	16	573	289	2	..	4,031	..
1946-47..	743	2,998	37	461	168	6	..	..	4,413

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	72	665	11	387	439	..	1,574	82	15,153
Other British Countries ..	253	162	61	4	26	..	506	26	2,064
Egypt ..	34	112	218	60	..	..	424	28	333
Other Foreign Countries ..	77	1	..	..	..	..	78	4	122
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	436	940	290	451	465	..	2,582	..	..
1946-47..	914	3,650	8,629	1,591	2,703	185	..	..	17,672
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	23	60	18	25	14	..	..	140	..
1946-47..	49	149	363	98	115	13	..	..	787

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947-48.	1946-47

DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	51	1,884	..	776	1,715	..	4,426	87	5,238
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	1,269	..	1,269	25	..
New Zealand ..	..	849	..	318	..	..	1,167	26	951
Other British Countries ..	21	195	..	6	1	..	223	6	213
Foreign Countries	10	150	..	..	..	..	160	5	212
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	82	3,078	..	1,100	2,985	..	7,245	..	..
1946-47..	62	2,645	157	827	2,918	..	..	..	6,609
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	3	63	..	23	60	..	..	149	..
1946-47..	2	50	6	19	53	..	..	..	130

DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS).

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	84	26,361	..	2,326	..	..	28,771	681	31,891
Canada ..	..	660	..	230	..	..	890	31	2,661
New Zealand ..	..	6,792	..	2,045	..	..	8,837	262	9,299
Other British Countries ..	94	913	..	103	1	..	1,111	35	1,023
Foreign Countries	20	662	..	83	2	..	767	30	451
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	198	35,388	..	4,787	3	..	40,376	..	..
1946-47..	137	39,812	311	5,062	3	..	..	..	45,325
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	8	871	..	160	..	..	..	1,039	..
1946-47..	5	930	12	146	..	..	..	..	1,093

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947-48.	1946-47

DRIED TREE FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	120	202	..	107	159	1,568	2,156	142	1,131
New Zealand ..	6	84	..	340	..	..	430	36	110
Palestine ..	50	90	..	23	1	..	164	13	176
Other British Countries ..	213	255	5	67	21	..	561	36	742
Foreign Countries	68	148	..	22	13	..	251	18	715
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	457	779	5	559	194	1,568	3,562	..	..
1946-47..	633	514	54	541	12	1,120	..	..	2,874
Value—									
1947-48..	£A'000. f.o.b. 32	£A'000. f.o.b. 60	£A'000. f.o.b. ..	£A'000. f.o.b. 40	£A'000. f.o.b. 18	£A'000. f.o.b. 95	..	£A'000. f.o.b. 245	£A'000. f.o.b. ..
1946-47..	35	43	4	36	1	69	..	..	188

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	8,811	35,937	1,851	1,249	22	18	47,888	1,463	37,896
Eire (Ireland) ..	..	353	1,028	..	..	48	1,429	80	..
Malayan Union	13	656	..	6	..	..	675	21	1,281
New Zealand ..	892	3,413	85	35	..	..	4,425	129	2,250
Palestine ..	73	414	9	50	32	30	608	22	292
Singapore ..	334	1,276	..	27	10	4	1,651	50	..
Other British Countries ..	482	1,458	212	50	17	..	2,219	82	2,198
Egypt ..	27	1,270	..	..	..	..	1,297	44	403
Other Foreign Countries ..	303	944	34	4	..	1	1,286	39	3,150
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	10,935	45,721	3,219	1,421	81	101	61,478	..	..
1946-47..	15,967	29,912	373	595	379	244	..	..	47,470
Value—									
1947-48..	£A'000. f.o.b. 339	£A'000. f.o.b. 1,396	£A'000. f.o.b. 141	£A'000. f.o.b. 48	£A'000. f.o.b. 3	£A'000. f.o.b. 3	..	£A'000. f.o.b. 1,930	£A'000. f.o.b. ..
1946-47..	473	750	9	16	10	7	..	..	1,265

**Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State
to Various Countries—continued.**
July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tral'ia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia—Nine Months.	
							1947-48.	1946-47
WHEAT.								
	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels. £A'000. f.o.b.	'000 bushels.
United Kingdom	1,908	1,938	..	319	3,007	..	7,172	6,119
Aden	259	337	..	..	..	..	596	527
Eire	1,355	..	..	..	..	..	1,355	1,256
India	2,004	4,671	..	1,346	3,745	..	11,766	10,402
New Zealand ..	30	..	..	3,250	607	..	3,887	1,434
Palestine ..	187	..	..	..	..	..	187	159
Rhodesia (South- ern) .. ..	..	..	..	475	266	..	741	640
Other British Countries ..	8	5	..	161	..	..	174	157
Egypt	164	..	..	..	..	..	164	139
France	656	..	..	..	1,030	..	1,686	1,561
French Depend- encies—								
Algeria	334	..	..	..	..	..	334	310
Tunisia	322	..	..	..	..	..	322	298
Iraq	322	..	..	..	..	..	322	346
Italy .. ..	..	..	..	..	307	..	307	333
Lebanon .. ..	..	..	..	..	366	..	366	422
Transjordan ..	..	..	..	..	353	..	353	359
Other Foreign Countries ..	18	10	..	..	8	..	36	37
For Orders ..	2,028	..	..	..	..	..	2,028	1,849
Total Nine months—								
Quantity—								
1947-48..	9,595	6,961	..	5,551	9,689	..	31,796	..
1946-47 ..	3,381	685	..	3,034	3,227	..	..	10,327
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48 ..	8,708	6,055	..	3,254	8,331	..	26,348	..
1946-47 ..	1,726	312	..	1,586	1,884	..	..	5,508

FLOUR.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals. £A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	..	..	..	193	..	..	193	414
Aden ..	204	209	..	234	22	..	669	1,334
Burma ..	187	83	..	106	..	..	376	727
Ceylon ..	632	1,027	..	899	878	..	3,436	6,691
Hong Kong ..	143	174	..	..	..	..	317	602
India ..	..	120	..	..	..	..	120	237
Malayan Union	186	992	..	202	488	..	1,868	3,607
Mauritius ..	378	385	..	69	..	..	832	1,510
Pacific Islands..	163	1	..	..	..	..	164	355
Palestine ..	192	417	..	..	140	..	749	1,415
Other British Countries ..	70	105	..	22	9	..	206	438
Egypt ..	197	471	..	..	456	..	1,124	2,218
French Depend- encies—								
Indo-China ..	34	68	..	..	..	..	102	223
Madagascar ..	..	..	..	..	101	..	101	195
Reunion Is- lands ..	..	..	..	..	67	..	67	130
Other ..	174	1	..	..	..	..	175	365
Greece ..	190	..	..	..	..	..	190	436
Other Foreign Countries ..	41	178	..	13	5	..	237	470
For Orders ..	..	..	..	205	..	..	205	436
Total Nine months—								
Quantity—								
1947-48 ..	2,791	4,231	..	1,943	2,166	..	11,131	..
1946-47 ..	4,392	2,676	9	1,923	1,895	..	..	10,895
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48 ..	5,566	8,245	..	3,736	4,256	..	..	21,803
1946-47 ..	5,679	3,926	13	2,691	2,620	..	..	14,929

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July—March, 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine Months.		
							1947-48.	1946-47.	
WOOL—GREASY.									
	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A'000 f.o.b.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	960	508	220	249	222	35	2,194	31,053	1,269
Canada ..	13	14	2	6	6	1	42	722	45
New Zealand ..	7	5	..	..	..	..	12	114	4
Other British Countries ..	6	2	1	..	..	..	9	150	14
Belgium ..	505	85	164	31	79	..	864	10,188	1,385
Czechoslovakia..	12	..	9	1	1	..	23	308	34
Denmark ..	..	6	..	3	..	..	9	127	37
France ..	591	224	190	89	63	6	1,163	13,271	1,553
Germany ..	58	26	14	4	7	2	111	2,210	..
Italy ..	141	64	69	9	9	6	298	4,822	936
Netherlands ..	20	6	15	1	..	..	42	753	46
Poland ..	18	6	3	2	4	..	33	687	3
Portugal ..	16	..	5	..	..	..	21	340	21
Spain ..	4	1	1	..	1	..	7	131	30
Sweden ..	22	4	6	..	3	..	35	625	98
Switzerland ..	8	9	3	2	5	..	27	373	46
Turkey ..	12	10	8	..	3	..	33	768	96
United States of America ..	291	252	161	89	163	20	976	18,070	2,519
Other Foreign Countries ..	9	16	3	3	..	..	31	684	81
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	2,693	1,238	874	489	566	70	5,930	..	..
1946-47..	3,800	1,412	1,816	484	582	73	..	..	8,167
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	35,400	19,842	12,027	6,936	9,667	1,524	..	85,396	..
1946-47..	33,100	14,437	15,569	4,126	5,551	815	..	..	73,598

WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	198	149	104	39	95	32	617	9,072	338
Canada ..	13	29	3	27	4	7	83	1,810	122
Hong Kong ..	4	8	..	..	..	..	12	382	3
India ..	1	32	..	1	..	1	35	634	26
Other British Countries ..	1	5	..	1	1	..	8	166	15
Belgium ..	58	29	14	7	5	11	124	2,082	152
China ..	14	14	4	2	..	..	34	1,025	67
Denmark ..	3	15	1	2	1	..	22	471	18
Egypt ..	2	2	2	..	1	..	7	249	13
France ..	44	24	26	16	14	4	128	2,443	91
Italy ..	16	11	7	1	2	..	37	728	54
Mexico ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	127	31
Netherlands ..	6	6	4	5	1	..	22	381	23
Norway ..	1	5	..	2	..	..	8	174	6
Sweden ..	5	17	..	9	3	..	34	688	56
Switzerland ..	3	4	1	..	1	..	9	156	10
Turkey ..	2	2	5	..	..	..	9	241	34
United States of America ..	30	24	5	7	5	1	72	1,577	261
Other Foreign Countries ..	9	9	12	2	2	..	34	806	40
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1947-48..	410	388	188	121	135	56	1,298	..	..
1946-47..	443	385	249	123	130	30	..	..	1,360
Value—	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1947-48..	6,998	7,187	3,473	2,437	2,256	861	..	23,212	..
1946-47..	6,660	6,211	3,679	1,958	1,742	447	..	..	20,697

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48 (Nine months).
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	31,161	21,488	28,894	45,871	42,446
Excise	16,472	45,689	49,067	56,375	44,265
Sales Tax	9,308	29,672	33,600	36,265	25,477
Flour Tax	1,809	1,996	1,779	1,747	985
Land Tax	1,489	3,664	3,782	3,679	1,763
Income Tax(a)	11,883	215,534	214,594	207,765	133,119
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	11,088	11,499	13,647	12,063
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	343	383	556	29
Estate Duty	1,915	3,090	3,880	4,019	3,157
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	329	393	545	460
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	5,027	5,070	5,138	3,895
Wool Levy(b)	74	75	270	12	..
Wool Contributory Charge(c) .. .. .	..	..	..	4,497	1,058
Wheat Export Charge (c) .. .. .	..	..	..	5,500	5,730
Total Taxation	74,111	337,995	353,211	385,616	274,387
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	27,872	28,455	29,802	23,275
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	989	769	692	522
Central Australia	138	1,046	711	395	267
North Australia	50	820	174	58	22
Australian Capital Territory	7	11	11	9	10
Total Railways	526	2,866	1,665	1,154	821
Total Business Undertakings	17,892	30,738	30,120	30,956	24,096
TERRITORIES(d)	356	455	508	571	458
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	1,307	605	..	1,500
Defence	151	126	250	239	116
Civil Aviation	6	1,173	1,166	961	716
Health	18	12	14	16	11
Attorney-General	111	140	135	155	129
Commerce	6	13	11	24	-14
Supply and Shipping	152	261	251	148	224
Net Profit, Note Issue	767	2,949	2,939	3,792	3,003
Other.. .. .	1,367	1,685	1,570	(f) 8,778	2,186
Total	2,706	7,666	6,941	14,113	7,871
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	376,854	390,780	431,256	306,812
PER HEAD OF POPULATION(g)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	45 19 10	47 10 9	51 5 7	35 18 3
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	4 3 8	4 1 1	4 2 4	3 3 1
Other.. .. .	0 8 10	1 2 1	1 0 1	1 19 0	1 1 10
Total	13 14 2	51 5 7	52 11 11	57 6 11	40 3 2

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Used for benefit of industry concerned.

(d) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (e) Includes stevedoring industry charge.

(f) Includes £7,075,000 surplus from Wool Committee operations. (g) Based on mean population for each financial year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48 (Nine months).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,703	9,806	10,328	21,127	24,250
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a) ..	3,835	3,699	3,857	3,172	3,127
New Works, n.e.i. (b) ..	634	1,843	1,902	8,679	8,261
National Welfare Fund and Social Services (c)	16,428	66,702	46,499	64,647	51,047
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	9,665	9,121	8,959	9,040	6,176
War Pensions	8,227	9,250	9,121	9,302	7,329
Other Services	1,365	918	812	917	868
Total, War (1914-18), &c. ..	19,257	19,289	18,892	19,259	14,373
Defence, War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	..	34,198	41,538	46,073	36,066
War Pensions .. .. .	..	2,771	4,915	6,762	5,599
Other Services (d)	(e) 8,855	156,987	178,525	141,867	81,148
Total, Defence, War (1939-45), &c. ..	8,855	193,956	224,978	194,702	122,813
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	2,887	3,376	3,231	3,271	2,443
New Works	3,701	3,395	4,236	7,161	4,200
Other	12,141	20,618	21,544	23,485	21,152
Total Postmaster-General ..	18,729	27,389	29,011	33,917	27,795
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	525	544	533	533	425
New Works	142	138	94	114	176
Other	826	2,251	1,657	1,388	1,054
Total Railways	1,493	2,933	2,284	2,035	1,655
Total Business Undertakings ..	20,222	30,322	31,295	35,952	29,450
Territories (f)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	375	356	353	354	295
New Works	739	329	428	1,226	926
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	228	298	752	511
Australian Capital Territory	349	455	552	661	467
Papua-New Guinea	48	..	1	1,520	1,438
Norfolk Island	5	4	4	4	3
Total Territories	1,839	1,372	1,636	4,517	3,640
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts (g)	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	5,689
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,478	1,683	1,616	1,636	1,251
Special Grants	2,020	2,846	(h) 3,549	(h) 6,881	3,782
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works	4,266	2,201	3,327	4,805	4,715
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. .. .	..	33,432	33,521	39,464	26,641
Other	300	122	16	10	..
Total to or for the States	15,649	47,869	49,614	60,381	42,078
Assistance to Primary Producers ..	2,015	(i) 1,996	(i) 1,779	(i) 18,820	7,773
Grand Total	94,437	376,854	390,780	431,256	306,812
Per Head of Population (j) ..	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 51 5 7	£ s. d. 52 11 11	£ s. d. 57 6 11	£ s. d. 40 3 2

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services, Business Undertakings and Territories. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 47. (d) Includes New Works. (e) Expenditure on the Defence Departments (Navy, Army and Air) and Department of Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (g) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (h) Includes Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grants, 1945-46, £553,000; 1946-47, £2,133,000. (i) In addition, the following amounts were provided under War Services:—1944-45, £14,280,000; 1945-46, £19,755,000; and 1946-47, £7,720,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

Item.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48 (Nine months).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	21,701	26,962	29,417	27,120
Funeral Benefits .. ..	..	164	185	209	165
Child Endowment .. ..	..	12,036	18,019	19,863	14,579
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	2,966	3,247	3,366	2,936
Maternity Allowances	437	2,543	2,493	3,026	2,127
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits .. ..	..	..	1,144	1,650	918
Hospital Benefit .. ..	..	..	1,111	4,380	3,184
Tuberculosis Benefits .. ..	..	..	..	110	18
Total	16,429	39,410	53,161	62,021	51,047

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Total to 30th June, 1947.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war charges .. ..	..	377,157	266,040	152,948	37,894	1,578,163
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works .. ..	..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	40,541
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Repatriation Buildings, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways .. ..	..	Cr. 10	Cr. 41	Cr. 7	Cr. 2	13,765
Territories (b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 6	Cr. 8	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	8,784
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Housing .. ..	..	..	..	6,795	11,015	17,810
Other	1,996	(c) 223	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	206	Cr. 50	6,779	11,001	128,323
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	377,363	266,990	159,727	48,895	2,079,476

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T. (c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War and Post-war purposes.	For other Purposes.		
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	%	
1/3/40 to 15/3/40	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40	20,000	32,792	20,583	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41	35,000	57,217	27,872	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41	30,000	83,378	34,158	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42	35,000	196,510	37,373	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42	77,300	454,838	82,667	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43	100,000	432,392	101,805	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43	125,000	567,533	126,408	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44	112,479	421,456	113,937	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
13/3/45 to 27/4/45	100,000	422,714	107,302	..	2½, 3½	1949-50, 1950-61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45	85,000	260,271	87,231	..	2½, 3½	1949, 1955-58
12/3/46 to 16/4/46	70,000	193,463	78,471	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
15/10/46 to 15/11/46	64,020	195,005	61,272	8,500	2, 3½	1950, 1956-59
15/4/47 to 21/4/47	25,000	72,011	7,456	22,369	2, 3½	1956-1959
29/10/47 to 15/11/47	48,000	95,422	(c) 61,157	(d)	3½	1957-1960
14/4/48 to 5/5/48	35,000	(b) 81,601	(b) (c) 43,143	(d)	3½	1957-1960
Total	1,192,799	..	1,217,896	57,358	..	..

(a) Excludes Conversion Loans. (b) Preliminary and subject to revision. (c) Includes amount raised for other purposes. Details not yet available. (d) See note (c).

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1947, see page 57.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1947.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1947.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1947.		Pensions Paid during 1946-47. (a)	
	Age.	Invalidd.	Total Age and Invalidd.	Age.	Inva- lid.	Age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	119,236	30,490	149,726	397	102	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria ..	74,770	14,673	89,443	364	71	62 7	63 5	12,276,711	82 5
Queensland ..	38,754	10,882	49,636	350	98	62 6	63 1	7,350,132	72 1
South Australia(d)	25,917	5,251	31,168	394	80	61 11	63 7	4,104,410	74 10
Western Australia	21,162	4,002	25,164	421	78	62 1	62 3	2,551,372	78 4
Tasmania ..	10,334	2,979	13,313	402	116	61 10	63 2	2,005,233	80 8
Total ..	290,173	68,277	358,450	383	90	62 6	63 3	29,416,673	78 3

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June--	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Age.	Invalidd.	Total.	Age.	Invalid.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£	s. d.
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 1
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 0
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,006	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	73	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,143	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	110	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,090	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,512	321,648	334	127	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d)	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	83	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	59,921	336,681	389	83	17,366,365	(c) 41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	384	84	19,257,025	(c) 48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	22,292,835	(c) 51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(e) 51 11
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	355	84	26,962,420	(c) 62 8
1947 ..	290,173	68,277	358,450	383	90	29,416,673	62 8

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945; 10s. July, 1947. Rate £3 15s. 0d. from 3rd July, 1947. On 6th April, 1944, adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished. (d) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1947.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1946-47.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	222,668	390,915	742	1,302	7,727,859	51 10
Victoria	141,826	240,810	690	1,172	4,908,922	48 2
Queensland	86,322	162,190	780	1,466	3,327,165	60 8
South Australia (d)	47,368	80,016	721	1,218	1,598,310	49 1
Western Australia	40,702	71,968	810	1,432	1,479,047	59 6
Tasmania	20,844	40,915	811	1,501	821,630	64 7
Total 1946-47	559,730	986,814	738	1,302	19,862,933	52 10
1945-46	533,819	945,542	715	1,266	18,019,178	48 6

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—19,743 in 355 institutions at 30th June, 1947; 18,989 in 342 institutions at 30th June, 1946. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d per week from 26th June, 1945) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1947.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Fort-nightly rate of Pension. (c)	Pensions paid during 1946-47.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(d)
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(e)	16,572	55	7,456	3 10 6	1,355,302	9 1
Victoria	12,311	60	3,732	3 7 1	941,734	9 3
Queensland	6,137	55	2,663	3 10 2	469,723	8 7
South Australia (f)	3,718	57	1,185	3 7 1	288,201	8 10
Western Australia	2,570	51	1,012	3 9 4	195,261	7 10
Tasmania	1,434	56	654	3 9 0	116,067	9 1
Total 1946-47	42,742	56	16,702	3 9 1	3,366,288	8 11
1945-46	44,587	60	15,707	2 17 0	3,247,333	8 9

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942 (b) Excludes thirteen (1946-47) and ten (1945-46) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums (c) Payments were four-weekly up to 24th June, 1947 pay. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Includes Australian Capital Territory (f) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
1946	60,730	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446	2,492,495
1947	73,110	50,730	29,002	17,860	13,750	7,542	(c)	191,994	3,026,459
Total since 10.10.1912	1,594,536	1,052,044	611,845	353,274	260,735	171,503	1,124	4,045,061	27,063,700

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. (c) Included with South Australia.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 73.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1947.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales(a) ..	59,148	16,855	75,756	151,759	1 17 4	1 1 2	1 7 6
Victoria ..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2 1 4	1 4 11	1 11 5
Queensland ..	17,498	4,887	22,616	45,001	1 19 5	1 1 2	1 8 4
South Australia (b) ..	12,735	3,765	17,075	33,575	2 2 4	1 2 0	1 9 9
Western Australia ..	15,661	4,313	22,153	42,127	1 17 10	0 19 9	1 6 6
Tasmania ..	5,742	1,588	8,239	15,569	2 17 6	1 3 2	1 15 10
United Kingdom ..	1,488	1,504	1,748	4,740	2 13 3	2 2 3	2 5 9
Elsewhere ..	387	158	342	887	2 0 1	1 12 10	1 16 0
Total 1946-47 ..	152,370	46,237	196,030	394,637	2 0 0	1 2 5	1 9 3
1945-46 ..	137,737	45,860	175,793	359,390	1 19 6	1 3 3	1 9 5

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	2,323	1,476	911	494	586	104	5,894
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,168	1,031	823	546	524	220	4,312
Dependants ..	1,006	1,010	596	467	410	168	3,657
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	112	82	16	16	23	5	254
Dependants ..	147	124	24	19	37	7	358
Total 1946-47 ..	4,756	3,723	2,370	1,542	1,580	504	14,475
1945-46 ..	4,203	3,402	2,184	1,389	1,403	508	13,089
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 17 9	2 18 11	2 19 5	3 0 0	2 15 5	2 18 1	2 18 4
Dependants ..	1 18 6	1 18 8	1 19 8	2 0 8	1 18 10	2 1 4	1 19 2
All Pensioners 1946-47 ..	2 13 1	2 12 9	2 14 3	2 13 11	2 10 9	2 12 3	2 13 0
1945-46 ..	2 10 6	2 9 9	2 11 5	2 11 3	2 7 10	2 6 9	2 10 1

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

Place of Payment.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) ..	2,576,241	2,897,870	3,661,182	4,068,399	4,874,706	5,663,529
Victoria ..	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063	4,081,324
Queensland ..	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,869	1,466,574	1,616,412
South Australia(b) ..	494,166	575,163	763,350	851,527	1,049,768	1,243,066
Western Australia ..	668,617	752,885	941,924	1,052,734	1,264,951	1,427,953
Tasmania ..	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350	624,354	726,216
Elsewhere ..	267,664	265,854	258,867	336,480	337,801	297,140
Total ..	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217	15,055,640
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409	6,746,192
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) ..	185,315	218,173	216,001	199,535	253,274	275,948
Victoria ..	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716	206,276	239,650
Queensland ..	106,120	119,032	113,143	113,847	141,965	155,988
South Australia(b) ..	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651	85,803	102,937
Western Australia ..	64,652	73,503	72,096	72,158	86,339	95,786
Tasmania ..	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,089	31,223	33,811
Total ..	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996	804,880	904,120
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	2,314	6,403	7,528	11,372	15,786

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1945-46. (a)

Grade of Actual Income.	Taxpayers.		Actual Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	490,685	24.04	74,798	9.84	5,008	3.37	10 4 1
£201-£500 ..	1,262,602	61.86	422,341	55.58	57,544	38.69	45 11 6
£501-£1,000 ..	227,591	11.15	147,237	19.38	33,762	22.70	148 6 11
£1,001 and over	60,185	2.95	115,472	15.20	52,399	35.24	870 12 8
Total Individuals	2,041,063	100.00	759,848	100.00	148,713	100.00	72 17 3
Companies ..	16,082	..	151,627	..	(b) 58,773	..	3,654 11 6
Grand Total ..			911,475	..	207,486	..	..

(a) Assessed on income for year 1944-45. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,761,135, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,537,225, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,845,423.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Resident	225,775	228,207	234,273	244,513	244,223
Absentee	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—	£	£	£	£	£
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	839,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED(a)	'000 ac.				
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	57.636	56.696	56.131	63.556	62.702
	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1946-47.

Grade of Dutiable Value.				Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£			No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1-1,000 .. ..	..	..	..	3,591	7,944	1,443	43,648
1,001-2,000 .. ..	..	..	..	1,865	6,440	2,718	81,296
2,001-3,000 .. ..	..	..	..	1,182	5,430	2,924	87,343
3,001-4,000 .. ..	..	..	..	785	4,427	2,727	81,806
4,001-5,000 .. ..	..	..	..	576	3,867	2,582	77,559
5,001-10,000 .. ..	..	..	..	1,439	13,616	10,090	314,730
10,001-20,000 .. ..	..	..	..	968	16,485	13,427	578,028
20,001-50,000 .. ..	..	..	..	480	17,685	14,221	1,187,661
50,001 and over .. ..	..	..	..	102	11,461	8,957	1,778,829
Total .. ..	..	..	..	10,988	87,355	59,089	4,230,900

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1946-47.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		7½ per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
1945-46.						
July	£'000. 54,172	£'000. 5,590	£'000. 11,844	£'000. 2,989	£'000. 20,423	£'000. 2,647
August	55,135	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	2,637
September	53,279	6,061	11,133	2,946	20,140	2,583
Total September Quarter ..	162,586	17,683	34,365	8,979	61,027	7,867
October	55,429	6,023	11,753	3,173	20,949	2,714
November	56,772	6,291	12,121	3,849	22,261	2,949
December	49,025	5,153	11,098	3,154	19,405	2,562
Total December Quarter ..	161,226	17,467	34,972	10,176	62,615	8,225
January	48,641	4,748	11,096	2,589	18,433	2,390
February	53,573	6,813	13,643	3,194	23,650	3,015
March	62,230	7,945	15,070	3,556	26,571	3,368
Total March Quarter ..	164,444	19,506	39,809	9,339	68,654	8,773
April	57,684	7,154	14,470	3,050	24,674	3,108
May	65,616	7,879	16,856	3,074	27,809	3,466
June	56,878	6,227	14,564	2,394	23,185	2,886
Total June Quarter ..	180,178	21,260	45,890	8,518	75,668	9,460
Total Year ..	668,434	75,916	155,036	37,012	267,964	34,325
1946-47.						
July	£'000. 64,545	£'000. 8,094	£'000. 16,808	£'000. 3,407	£'000. 28,309	£'000. 3,559
August	69,671	8,997	18,109	3,346	30,452	3,775
September	68,951	8,241	17,542	3,498	29,281	3,685
Total September Quarter..	203,167	25,332	52,459	10,251	88,042	11,019
October	71,773	8,605	18,978	3,676	31,259	3,937
November	80,974	4,214	(e) 23,076	4,063	31,353	3,909
December	51,806	..	15,729	2,651	18,380	2,237
Total December Quarter ..	204,553	12,819	57,783	10,390	80,992	10,083
January	53,836	..	16,149	2,142	18,291	2,151
February	63,600	..	18,700	2,324	21,024	2,452
March	61,728	..	17,828	2,557	20,385	2,422
Total March Quarter ..	179,164	..	52,677	7,023	59,700	7,025
April	67,260	..	18,983	2,367	21,350	2,491
May	76,189	..	21,053	2,405	23,458	2,707
June	70,670	..	19,313	2,102	21,415	2,457
Total June Quarter ..	214,119	..	59,349	6,874	66,223	7,655
Total Year ..	801,003	38,151	222,268	34,538	294,957	35,782
1947-48.						
July	£'000. 78,267	£'000. ..	£'000. 21,471	£'000. 2,733	£'000. 24,204	£'000. 2,830
August	75,104	..	21,382	2,633	24,015	2,797
September	79,188	..	23,890	2,477	26,367	3,008
Total September Quarter ..	232,559	..	66,743	7,843	74,586	8,635
October	81,464	..	25,499	1,278	26,777	2,870
November	80,554	..	25,196	1,485	26,681	2,891
December	79,441	..	25,507	1,364	26,871	2,892
Total December Quarter ..	241,459	..	76,202	4,127	80,329	8,653

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. From 15th November, 1946, the rate of 12½ per cent. was reduced to 10 per cent. (e) Includes £12,292,000 sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate.

Sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate from 15th November.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—Included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. However, the following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1946-47 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States:—
(i) The payment to the Railways from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet losses on developmental lines, £800,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits, £1,058,000, paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and then distributed to Hospitals have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £75,358,000, and from the Expenditure total of £77,208,000. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATE REVENUES, 1946-47.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (b) ..	8,041	5,847	3,010	2,165	(c) 1,138	1,281	21,482
Railways ..	30,385	13,786	10,550	4,768	3,979	..	68,468
Tramways (d) ..	6,106	(e) 121	..	..	481	..	6,708
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,063	2,566	..	2,133	1,493	3	8,258
Land ..	1,862	825	1,607	258	526	112	5,190
Interest n.e.t. ..	412	1,580	775	806	473	480	4,526
Commonwealth Payments (f) ..	19,045	10,898	7,661	6,139	5,697	2,357	51,797
All other Sources ..	5,586	1,736	1,430	924	1,194	274	11,144
Total Revenue ..	73,500	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,981	4,507	172,573
Total Revenue per head (g) ..	£ s. d. 24 16 0	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 22 16 4	£ s. d. 26 16 10	£ s. d. 30 2 7	£ s. d. 17 14 1	£ s. d. 23 0 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1943-44 TO 1946-47.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1944 ..	72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,499	169,616
1945 ..	74,213	35,273	26,447	16,113	13,954	(a) 3,657	169,657
1946 ..	71,859	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	166,508
1947 ..	73,500	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,981	(a) 4,507	172,573

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1946-47.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	14,841	8,216	6,312	5,166	4,403	1,387	40,325
Railways ..	25,409	12,374	9,759	4,848	4,317	5	56,712
Tramways (d) ..	6,377	..	..	..	466	..	6,843
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,386	1,711	..	1,071	834	(h) 252	5,254
Education ..	8,768	5,216	2,750	1,734	1,389	815	20,672
Hospitals ..	4,148	2,555	1,854	912	609	409	13,280
Other Charities ..	1,583	537		251	268	154	
All other Expenditure	12,838	6,745	4,342	3,271	2,742	1,551	31,489
Total Expenditure	75,350	37,354	25,017	17,253	15,028	4,573	174,575
Total Expenditure per head (g) ..	£ s. d. 25 8 6	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 22 16 0	£ s. d. 26 18 9	£ s. d. 30 4 6	£ s. d. 17 19 3	£ s. d. 23 6 0

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1943-44 TO 1946-47.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1944 ..	71,288	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(a) 3,469	167,615
1945 ..	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(a) 3,676	167,785
1946 ..	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	166,218
1947 ..	75,350	37,354	25,017	17,253	15,028	(a) 4,573	174,575

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also paid to the Commission's Fund. See note (h). (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1946-47, see p. 56. (c) Excludes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (d) Gross collections. (e) Includes omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1946-47.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	O'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	3,103	429	401	558	265	198	4,954
Tramways (b) ..	471	..	..	Cr. 50	3	..	424
Roads and Bridges ..	348	25	400	Cr. 17	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	467	27	38	76	86	23	1,473
Water Supply and Sewerage	56	1,458	90	975	375	..	2,954
Electricity Supply ..	90	..	..	1,000	166	427	1,683
Public Buildings ..	1,019	783	784	243	386	220	3,435
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 81	Cr. 34	..	..	..	Cr. 1	Cr. 116
Housing	Cr. 3	152	2	912	Cr. 2	10	1,071
Other(c)	467	92	134	Cr. 25	37	Cr. 41	664
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (d) ..	1,656	1,142	Cr. 6	Cr. 287	Cr. 102	Cr. 9	2,394
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	926	..	114	74	352	..	1,466
Other	121	1,017	1,621	117	260	1	3,137
Other purposes .. ..	..	..	..	52	218	..	270
Total Works &c. ..	8,640	5,091	3,578	3,628	2,044	828	23,809
Per Head (e) ..	£ s. d. 2 18 4	£ s. d. 2 9 11	£ s. d. 3 5 3	£ s. d. 5 13 3	£ s. d. 4 2 2	£ s. d. 3 5 1	£ s. d. 3 3 7
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	..	..	..	..	120	120
Other(f)	467	6	1,293	5	14	..	1,785
Grand Total ..	9,107	5,097	4,871	3,633	2,058	948	25,714

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1947.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	O'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tramways (b)	173,754	80,583	67,936	41,859	27,496	8,206	399,834
Roads and Bridges ..	21,445	12,760	6,251	3,792	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	23,163	1,447	3,636	8,707	7,669	7,512	99,568
Water Supply and Sewerage	41,163	34,233	1,100	25,081	15,482	..	117,059
Electricity Supply ..	2,980	17,839	..	1,000	2,200	8,846	32,865
Public Buildings ..	19,970	10,326	9,066	4,522	3,599	3,414	50,897
Unemployment Relief ..	16,355	13,147	..	..	(h)	331	29,833
Housing	1,785	2,494	4,151	6,645	789	478	16,342
Other (c)	10,244	2,451	22,678	2,377	2,013	3,261	43,024
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (d) ..	14,156	47,397	5,460	11,097	17,347	2,475	97,932
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	20,771	..	2,068	9,411	4,348	..	36,598
Other	7,941	8,174	9,569	2,323	14,945	20	42,972
Other purposes	89	451	124	2,272	3,983	..	6,910
Total Works	353,816	231,302	132,042	119,086	103,054	34,543	973,843
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,701	76,378
Other (f)	20,842	7,214	14,467	2,576	5,391	1,597	52,087
Grand Total ..	413,606	247,635	152,335	130,331	120,560	37,841	1,102,308

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1947.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	205,914	144,676	11,438	362,028	6,415	5,019	385	11,819
Victoria	122,437	56,158	4,501	183,096	4,153	1,874	213	6,240
Queensland	83,144	47,326	4,886	135,356	2,735	1,637	203	4,575
South Australia ..	74,569	37,831	1,734	114,134	2,483	1,224	87	3,794
Western Australia ..	57,986	39,001	2,015	99,002	1,880	1,244	101	3,225
Tasmania	24,091	8,314	228	32,633	770	295	11	1,076
Total	563,141	333,306	24,802	926,249	18,436	11,293	1,000	30,729

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £ Stg. 1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Government of—	Nine months ended March—					
	1946-47.			1947-48.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	52,858	53,740	— 882	60,747	62,793	— 2,046
Victoria ..	24,850	27,136	— 2,286	27,001	30,041	— 3,040
Queensland ..	17,453	18,176	— 723	18,426	19,627	— 1,201
South Australia ..	12,081	12,552	— 471	13,320	13,997	— 677
Western Australia ..	10,196	10,875	— 679	11,936	12,973	— 1,037
Tasmania ..	3,170	3,175	— 5	3,425	3,726	— 301
Six States ..	120,608	125,654	— 5,046	134,855	143,157	— 8,302
Commonwealth ..	285,209	285,209	..	306,812	306,812	..
Grand Total(b) ..	372,282	377,328	— 5,046	404,055	412,357	— 8,302

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Government of—	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation.(b)		Expenditure—			
					Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	Nine months ended March—							
	1946-47.	1947-48.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	12,632	14,015	5,420	6,595	19,118	22,824	10,740	11,002
Victoria ..	6,828	7,506	4,151	4,168	11,004	12,718	6,021	6,165
Queensland ..	4,762	5,192	2,261	2,610	6,131	7,408	4,915	4,902
South Australia ..	3,787	4,592	1,599	1,680	4,244	4,981	3,873	3,935
Western Australia ..	3,297	4,112	820	909	3,616	4,517	3,387	3,466
Tasmania ..	1,545	1,577	1,000	1,117	1,988	2,285	955	1,034
Six States ..	32,851	36,994	15,251	17,079	46,101	54,733	29,891	30,504
Commonwealth ..	..	..	256,557	274,387	c169,705	c183,502	46,487	48,553
Grand Total ..	32,851	36,994	271,808	291,466	215,806	238,535	76,378	79,057

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and Post-War (1939-45) charges (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1946-47, £91,756,000; 1947-48, £88,313,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

Government of—	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Nine months ended March—							
	1946-47.		1947-48.		1946-47.		1947-48.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	23,771	5,643	27,129	7,017	18,738	5,144	22,308	6,659
Victoria(b) ..	10,672	131	11,892	121	9,875	236	10,896	262
Queensland(c) ..	7,765	..	7,898	..	7,130	..	7,317	..
South Australia ..	3,477	1,801	3,639	1,940	3,645	790	4,202	879
Western Australia ..	2,929	1,508	3,341	1,608	3,023	849	3,989	1,002
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(d) 232	..	(d) 407	..
Six States ..	48,614	9,083	53,899	10,686	42,643	7,019	49,119	8,802
Commonwealth ..	882	e22,117	821	e23,275	982	e16,646	1,055	e21,152
Grand Total ..	49,496	31,200	54,720	33,961	43,625	23,965	50,174	29,954

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mines only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1946-47.(a)

State. &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter-tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	..	344	2	3,690	2,136	2,938	907	962	10,979
Victoria ..	..	89	383	2,461	1,335	2,094	969	611	7,942
Queensland ..	..	37	375	943	950	1,069	148	479	4,001
South Australia ..	..	23	286	554	350	737	267	77	2,204
Western Australia ..	..	34	112	261	388	429	184	167	1,575
Tasmania ..	..	4	92	159	121	280	91	814	1,561
Total States ..	..	531	1,250	8,068	5,280	7,547	2,566	3,110	28,352
Commonwealth ..	102,246	207,765	3,679	4,019	..	..	5,138	62,769	385,616
Grand Total ..	102,246	208,296	4,929	12,087	5,280	7,547	7,704	65,879	413,968

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	..	0 2 4	..	1 4 11	0 14 5	0 19 10	0 6 1	0 6 6	3 14 1
Victoria ..	..	0 0 11	0 3 9	1 4 1	0 13 1	1 0 6	0 9 6	0 6 0	3 17 10
Queensland ..	..	0 0 8	0 6 10	0 17 2	0 17 4	0 19 6	0 2 8	0 8 9	3 12 11
South Australia ..	..	0 0 9	0 8 11	0 17 3	0 10 11	1 3 0	0 8 4	0 2 6	3 11 8
Western Australia ..	..	0 1 4	0 4 6	0 10 6	0 15 7	0 17 3	0 7 5	0 6 9	3 3 4
Tasmania ..	..	0 0 4	0 7 2	0 12 6	0 9 6	1 2 1	0 7 2	3 3 11	6 2 8
Total States ..	..	0 1 5	0 3 4	1 1 6	0 14 1	1 0 2	0 6 10	0 8 3	3 15 8
Commonwealth ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	0 9 9	0 10 8	..	..	0 13 8	8 7 0	51 5 7
Grand Total ..	13 11 11	27 14 0	0 13 1	1 12 2	0 14 1	1 0 1	1 0 6	8 15 2	55 1 0

(a) The following particulars include those amounts paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under the State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1943-44 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,752	303,752 (a)	21,314	325,066
1944-45 ..	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,612	337,995 (a)	22,111	360,106
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211 (a)	24,994	378,205
1946-47 ..	102,246	207,765	36,265	39,340	385,616 (a)	28,352	413,968

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1943-44 ..	9 5 1	25 5 6	3 16 9	3 8 1	41 15 5 (a)	2 18 10	44 14 0
1944-45 ..	9 2 10	29 6 7	4 0 9	3 9 8	45 19 10 (a)	3 0 5	49 0 0
1945-46 ..	10 9 10	28 17 8	4 10 5	3 12 10	47 10 9 (a)	3 7 6	50 18 1
1946-47 ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	4 16 5	5 4 8	51 5 7 (a)	3 15 8	55 1 0

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Tax Reimbursement Acts. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1946-47.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Tax Re-imbursement ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
State Tax Collections ..	16,128	8,770	6,564	3,436	3,351	1,215	39,464
	10,979	7,943	4,001	2,294	1,574	1,561	28,352
Total ..	27,107	16,713	10,565	5,730	4,925	2,776	67,816
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	9 2 11	8 3 10	9 12 7	8 18 11	9 18 1	10 18 1	9 1 0

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1948.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-18)	154,141	(c) 10,645	..	164,786
War (1939-45)—				
Stock and Bonds	1,083,450	5,775	..	1,089,225
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	18,435	..	..	18,435
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps	27	..	..	27
War Savings and Savings Certificates	63,530	..	..	63,530
War Savings Stamps	176	..	..	176
Treasury Bills—Internal	90,800	..	..	90,800
Bank	248,280	..	..	248,280
Total	1,506,490	5,775	..	1,512,265
Works and other Purposes	83,372	53,007	15,863	152,242
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,744,003	69,427	15,863	1,829,293
Per Head of Population(d)	£228 5 5	£9 1 9	£2 1 6	£239 8 8
State—				
Debts of the States	590,794	333,205	24,883	948,882
Per Head of Population(e)	£77 12 3	£43 15 6	£3 5 4	£124 13 1
Total Public Debt	2,334,797	402,632	40,746	2,778,175
Per Head of Population(d)	£305 11 11	£52 14 0	£5 6 8	£363 12 7

INTEREST PAYABLE.

	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (f)
Commonwealth—				
War (1914-18)	5,657,343	(c) 395,968	..	6,053,311
War (1939-45)	39,904,911	231,000	..	40,135,911
Works and other Purposes	2,185,090	1,769,112	697,003	4,651,205
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	47,747,344	2,396,080	697,003	50,840,427
Average Rate per cent.(g)	£2 14 9	£3 9 0	£4 7 11	£2 15 7
State—				
Debts of the States	19,021,015	11,289,789	918,964	31,229,768
Average Rate per cent.(g) ..	£3 4 5	£3 7 9	£3 13 10	£3 5 10
Grand Total	66,768,359	13,685,869	1,615,967	82,070,195
Average Rate per cent.(g) ..	£2 17 3	£3 8 0	£3 19 4	£2 19 1

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Excludes debt (£79,724,220) and interest payable (£3,919,774) due to United Kingdom Government under the *Funding Arrangements Act 1921*. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1947. (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1947. (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Overdue debt, and War and National Savings Stamps are excluded for calculating average rate.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1947	£'000. 5,052	£'000. 2,602	£'000. 2,399	£'000. 1,535	£'000. 1,499	£'000. 902	£'000. 13,989	£'000. 20,216	£'000. 34,205
1948	9,905	6,082	2,877	942	1,680	1,693	23,179	(b)13,798	36,977

(a) Includes expenditure on Defence and Post-War (1939-45) Charges.
under International Monetary Agreement Act £10,166,000.

(b) Includes expenditure

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	164,628	159,318	159,398	158,742
	London £Stg.	11,020	11,020	11,020	10,645	10,645
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,098,261	1,357,272	1,510,023	1,531,532
	London £Stg.	..	6,122	6,122	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	36,190	35,606	54,166	65,098
	London £Stg.	72,097	64,363	64,113	53,535	53,285
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,798
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,299,079	1,552,196	1,723,587	1,755,372
	London £Stg.	83,117	81,505	81,255	69,955	69,705
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,798
Total ..	..	317,527	1,396,374	1,649,241	1,809,332	1,840,875
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	491,839	514,277	542,645	568,141
	London £Stg.	384,328	373,505	361,392	337,593	333,306
	New York £Stg.	28,265	25,416	25,309	25,113	24,802
Total ..	..	897,772	890,760	900,978	905,351	926,249
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	1,790,918	2,066,473	2,266,232	2,323,513
	London £Stg.	467,445	455,010	442,647	407,548	403,011
	New York £Stg.	44,178	41,206	41,099	40,903	40,600
Total ..	..	1,215,299	2,287,134	2,550,219	2,714,683	2,767,124

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Commonwealth—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	25 2 10	22 10 4	21 11 0	21 7 0	20 18 10
	London £Stg.	1 11 8	1 10 2	1 9 10	1 8 6	1 8 1
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	150 4 8	183 11 11	202 4 11	202 0 6
	London £Stg.	..	0 16 9	0 16 7	0 15 5	0 15 3
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 4	4 19 0	4 16 4	7 5 1	8 11 9
	London £Stg.	10 6 11	8 16 1	8 13 5	7 3 5	7 0 7
	New York £Stg.	2 5 8	2 3 2	2 2 9	2 2 4	2 1 8
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 2	177 14 0	209 19 3	230 17 0	231 11 1
	London £Stg.	11 18 7	11 3 0	10 19 10	9 7 4	9 3 11
	New York £Stg.	2 5 8	2 3 2	2 2 9	2 2 4	2 1 8
Total ..	..	45 11 5	191 0 2	223 1 10	242 6 8	242 16 8
State ..	Australia £A.	69 16 4	67 10 1	69 16 2	72 18 9	75 4 5
	London £Stg.	55 6 1	51 5 4	49 1 1	45 7 6	44 2 7
	New York £Stg.	4 1 4	3 9 9	3 8 8	3 7 6	3 5 8
Total ..	..	129 3 9	122 5 2	122 5 11	121 13 9	122 12 8
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 8	244 19 7	279 10 7	303 10 6	306 10 0
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	62 4 10	59 17 6	54 11 8	53 3 3
	New York £Stg.	6 6 10	5 12 9	5 11 2	5 9 7	5 7 1
Total ..	..	174 8 2	312 17 2	344 19 3	363 11 9	365 0 4

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—continued.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000. 8,345	£'000. 33,945	£'000. 40,047	£'000. 45,396	£'000. 47,345
	London £Stg.(a)	3,403	3,277	3,271	2,408	2,403
	New York £Stg.	778	772	772	772	732
	Total(b)	12,526	37,994	44,090	48,576	50,480
State ..	Australia £A.	17,240	16,623	16,742	17,646	18,436
	London £Stg.	14,963	14,311	13,928	11,733	11,293
	New York £Stg.	1,441	1,263	1,258	1,248	1,000
	Total(b)	33,644	32,197	31,928	30,627	30,729
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	50,568	56,789	63,042	65,781
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	17,588	17,199	14,141	13,696
	New York £Stg.	2,219	2,035	2,030	2,020	1,732
	Total(b)	46,170	70,191	76,018	79,203	81,209

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Commonwealth and State	Australia ..	3	12	9	2	16	8	2	15	1	2	15	8	2	16	8	
	London(a) ..	3	18	7	3	17	4	3	17	9	3	9	5	3	8	0	
	New York ..	5	0	6	4	18	9	4	18	9	4	18	9	4	5	4	
Total(c)	..				3	16	0				2	18	4		2	18	9

(a) See footnote (c), page 57.
 on account of exchange.
 exchange.

(b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking
 (c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of

SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								31st Mar., 1948.
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000. 1,750	£'000. 80,481	£'000. 259,250	£'000. 343,280	£'000. 343,280	£'000. 343,280	£'000. 278,280	£'000. 248,280	£'000. 248,280
	London £Stg.	3,970	3,720	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,470	2,220	1,970
	Total ..	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	22,868	22,868	22,868
State ..	Australia £A.	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
	London £Stg.	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	278,280	248,280
	Total ..	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338	25,088	24,888

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) NOTE ISSUE.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Denomination.		27th March, 1939.	26th March, 1945.	25th March, 1946.	26th March, 1947.	31st March, 1948.
10s. ..		£'000. 4,112	£'000. 8,327	£'000. 7,999	£'000. 7,830	£'000. 8,532
£1 ..		20,994	68,655	72,362	66,640	66,527
£5 ..		11,496	71,498	78,136	78,163	77,821
£10 ..		5,094	33,209	35,878	45,592	45,271
£20 ..		109	37	10	8	8
£50 ..		1,254	3,196	128	97	81
£100 ..		2,241	4,216	205	178	158
£1,000 ..		2,230	2,606	746	172	245
Held by banks		14,821	20,464	17,276	19,269	22,340
" public		32,709	171,280	178,188	179,411	176,303
Total		47,530	191,744	195,464	198,680	198,643

(E.) BANKING.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia. (a)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circu- lation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Lia- bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.								
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec., 1946	..	40,013	18,212	58,225	..	364	1,257	59,846
" " Mar., 1947	..	40,686	17,347	58,033	..	372	1,447	59,852
" " June, 1947	..	44,126	16,116	60,242	..	340	1,312	61,894
" " Sept., 1947	..	40,804	14,864	55,668	..	370	1,600	57,638
" " Dec., 1947	..	42,535	14,092	56,627	..	349	1,450	58,426
" " Mar., 1948	..	44,250	13,558	57,808	..	310	1,986	60,104
1947—Month of January	..	39,107	17,446	56,553	..	401	1,550	58,504
" " February	..	40,293	17,474	57,767	..	370	1,666	59,803
" " March	..	42,658	17,121	59,779	..	346	1,125	61,250
1948—Month of January	..	42,229	13,742	55,971	..	329	1,920	58,220
" " February	..	44,251	13,553	57,804	..	305	1,728	59,837
" " March	..	45,808	13,415	59,223	..	299	2,244	61,826

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS. (b)

Quarter ended Dec., 1946	..	905	421,018	207,011	628,029	158	1,914	7,749	638,755
" " Mar., 1947	..	891	443,344	206,183	649,527	158	1,743	7,612	659,931
" " June, 1947	..	847	450,817	203,322	654,139	158	1,913	8,189	665,196
" " Sept., 1947	..	743	430,551	202,754	633,305	158	3,283	7,519	645,008
" " Dec., 1947	..	730	456,587	203,369	659,956	158	7,106	8,448	676,458
" " Mar., 1948	..	729	489,040	200,756	689,796	158	15,839	8,448	714,965
1947—Month of January	..	894	434,481	207,412	641,893	158	1,772	7,052	651,769
" " February	..	890	444,322	206,118	650,440	158	1,730	7,908	661,126
" " March	..	888	451,229	205,019	656,248	158	1,726	7,877	666,897
1948—Month of January	..	729	471,478	201,724	673,202	158	12,832	7,173	694,094
" " February	..	729	486,678	199,908	686,586	158	16,632	8,838	712,943
" " March	..	729	504,979	200,659	705,638	158	17,610	9,144	733,279

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (b)

Quarter ended Dec., 1946	..	12,321	9,847	5,107	14,954	..	93	311	27,679
" " Mar., 1947	..	12,220	10,248	5,056	15,304	..	85	276	27,885
" " June, 1947	..	12,166	10,524	5,025	15,549	..	121	298	28,134
" " Sept., 1947	..	12,042	10,824	4,980	15,804	..	252	398	28,496
" " Dec., 1947	..	11,936	11,205	5,117	16,322	..	655	468	29,381
" " Mar., 1948(c)	..	21,210	13,297	5,610	18,907	..	271	468	40,856
1947—Month of January	..	12,220	9,981	5,092	15,073	..	56	285	27,634
" " February	..	12,220	10,292	5,073	15,365	..	120	272	27,977
" " March	..	12,220	10,469	5,004	15,473	..	80	270	28,043
1948—Month of January(c)	..	21,217	12,176	5,299	17,475	..	538	475	39,705
" " February(c)	..	21,209	12,962	5,623	18,585	..	203	500	40,497
" " March(c)	..	21,205	14,461	5,848	20,309	..	113	436	42,063

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (b)(d)

Quarter ended Dec., 1946	..	13,226	470,878	230,330	701,208	158	2,371	9,317	726,280
" " Mar., 1947	..	13,111	494,278	228,586	722,864	158	2,200	9,335	747,668
" " June, 1947	..	13,013	505,467	224,463	729,930	158	2,374	9,749	755,224
" " Sept., 1947	..	12,785	482,179	222,598	704,777	158	3,905	9,517	731,142
" " Dec., 1947	..	12,666	510,327	222,578	732,905	158	8,170	10,366	764,265
" " Mar., 1948	..	21,939	546,587	219,924	766,511	158	16,420	10,897	815,925
1947—Month of January	..	13,114	483,569	229,950	713,519	158	2,229	8,887	737,907
" " February	..	13,110	494,907	228,665	723,572	158	2,220	9,846	748,906
" " March	..	13,108	504,356	227,144	731,500	158	2,152	9,272	756,190
1948—Month of January	..	21,946	525,883	220,765	746,648	158	13,699	9,568	792,019
" " February	..	21,938	543,891	219,084	762,975	158	17,140	11,066	813,277
" " March	..	21,934	565,308	219,922	785,230	158	18,022	11,824	837,168

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. See page 62 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. Prior to January, 1948, the Rural Bank Department only was included. (d) Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
(ii) Average Assets within Australia.(a)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (b)	Special Account with C'with. Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.									
Quarter ended Dec., 1946	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
" " Mar., 1947	5,848	..	207	2,000	35,625	..	19,426	2,136	65,242
" " June, 1947	6,686	..	238	1,042	84,250	..	21,004	1,724	64,944
" " Sept., 1947	6,591	..	260	2,288	33,680	..	21,712	1,888	66,419
" " Dec., 1947	5,615	..	223	530	32,565	..	22,213	1,838	62,993
" " Mar., 1948	6,721	..	295	428	32,208	..	21,851	1,944	63,447
	7,150	..	286	..	31,565	..	23,730	1,942	64,678
1947—Month of Jan. . .	4,546	..	243	375	35,609	..	20,871	1,817	63,461
" " Feb. . .	7,539	..	247	1,000	33,576	..	20,735	1,711	64,808
" " Mar. . .	7,973	..	224	1,750	33,565	..	21,407	1,644	66,563
1948—Month of Jan. . .	6,194	..	251	..	31,565	..	23,691	1,776	63,477
" " Feb. . .	7,805	..	299	..	31,565	..	22,906	1,977	64,552
" " Mar. . .	7,390	..	306	..	31,565	..	24,420	2,046	65,727

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)									
Quarter ended Dec., 1946	39,047	257,805	10,454	24,008	98,949	165	257,544	14,347	702,919
" " Mar., 1947	42,317	271,843	10,183	34,397	84,440	165	265,434	14,232	723,011
" " June, 1947	35,665	278,709	11,015	21,358	81,192	159	284,123	14,721	726,942
" " Sept., 1947	40,816	248,766	10,712	11,884	76,665	1,804	309,526	15,360	709,533
" " Dec., 1947	43,978	249,103	13,473	13,946	67,141	1,924	330,991	16,455	737,011
" " Mar., 1948	46,377	269,976	11,825	21,946	59,300	1,856	335,720	17,367	764,367
1947—Month of Jan. ..	46,554	267,819	10,177	28,520	86,317	166	263,580	14,189	717,322
" " Feb. ..	41,757	271,602	10,538	36,445	84,268	166	264,666	14,258	723,700
" " Mar. ..	38,641	276,109	9,832	38,225	82,735	166	268,054	14,249	728,011
1948—Month of Jan. ..	45,493	264,078	10,527	16,900	59,853	1,856	336,730	16,497	751,934
" " Feb. ..	43,465	269,390	10,858	21,437	59,069	1,857	337,244	17,295	760,605
" " Mar. ..	49,415	275,163	13,635	26,390	59,051	1,857	333,698	18,119	777,323

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)									
Quarter ended Dec., 1946	2,239	1,734	1,965	840	8,634	282	22,524	2,153	40,371
" " Mar., 1947	2,808	2,030	1,490	633	8,440	228	23,218	2,388	41,244
" " June, 1947	2,530	1,963	957	902	8,275	229	24,229	2,884	41,969
" " Sept., 1947	2,524	1,539	1,029	706	8,423	226	25,307	3,068	42,813
" " Dec., 1947	2,682	1,603	1,078	637	8,616	196	26,469	2,896	44,177
" " Mar., 1948(e)	3,471	1,456	1,337	863	12,007	146	36,748	2,378	58,406
1947—Month of Jan. ..	2,487	2,011	1,774	650	8,440	227	23,210	2,285	41,084
" " Feb. ..	3,022	2,029	1,380	625	8,442	227	23,155	2,329	41,209
" " Mar. ..	2,915	2,075	1,317	625	8,439	228	23,289	2,551	41,439
1948—Month of Jan.(e)	3,295	1,753	1,020	525	11,279	147	36,616	2,596	57,231
" " Feb.(e)	3,326	1,532	1,228	688	12,018	145	36,585	2,454	57,976
" " Mar.(e)	3,727	1,157	1,677	1,275	12,581	145	36,984	2,144	59,690

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)(f)									
Quarter ended Dec., 1946	47,134	259,539	12,626	27,448	143,208	447	299,494	18,636	808,532
" " Mar., 1947	51,811	273,882	11,911	36,072	127,130	393	309,656	18,344	829,199
" " June, 1947	44,786	280,672	12,232	24,548	123,147	388	330,064	19,493	835,380
" " Sept., 1947	48,955	245,296	11,964	13,129	117,653	2,030	356,046	20,266	815,339
" " Dec., 1947	53,381	250,706	14,846	15,011	107,965	2,120	379,311	21,295	844,635
" " Mar., 1948	56,998	271,432	13,448	22,809	102,872	2,002	396,198	21,687	887,446
1947—Month of Jan. ..	53,587	269,830	12,194	29,545	130,366	393	307,661	18,291	821,867
" " Feb. ..	52,318	273,631	12,165	38,070	126,286	393	308,556	18,298	829,717
" " Mar. ..	49,529	278,184	11,373	40,600	124,789	394	312,750	18,444	836,013
1948—Month of Jan. ..	54,982	265,831	11,798	17,425	102,697	2,008	397,037	20,869	872,642
" " Feb. ..	54,596	270,922	12,385	22,125	102,642	2,002	396,735	21,726	883,133
" " Mar. ..	60,532	276,320	15,618	27,665	103,197	2,002	395,097	22,309	902,740

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. See page 62 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks.

(d) Includes Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury. (e) See note (c), page 60. (f) Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
General Banking Division (a).—Average Liabilities and Assets within Australia.

Year.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.	Cash and Cash Balances.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	Total Assets.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Treasury Bills.	Other.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1945-46 (b) ..	35,300	21,101	56,401	59,504	7,322	4,198	33,596	17,760	64,754
1946-47 ..	40,725	17,574	58,299	60,071	6,553	1,909	34,302	20,383	65,206

(a) See notes (a) pages 60 and 61.

(b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

NINE TRADING BANKS.
(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia. (a).

Year.	Interim-able Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	2,644	118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(c) 3,005	324,398
1943-44 ..	2,511	290,988	211,703	502,691	166	1,016	(c) 4,485	510,869
1944-45 ..	1,850	343,773	224,023	567,796	166	1,083	(c) 4,843	575,738
1945-46 ..	1,664	385,953	220,415	606,368	166	1,194	6,338	615,730
1946-47 ..	889	429,749	206,862	636,611	159	1,748	7,792	647,196

(ii) Average Assets within Australia. (a)

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (d)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks. (e)	Australian Public Securities. (f)		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	33,597	..	3,938	21,533	20,477	(g)	288,109	(i) 9,421	377,075
1943-44 ..	40,908	139,965	7,334	63,826	79,961	(g)	232,421	(i) 9,787	574,202
1944-45 ..	38,038	207,992	7,744	60,283	105,842	(g)	208,719	(i) 9,776	638,394
1945-46 ..	38,462	238,098	8,748	59,782	115,272	(g)	214,401	(i) 9,802	684,665
1946-47 ..	37,928	264,991	10,302	25,831	95,026	164	281,140	14,280	709,682

(a) See notes (a) pages 60 and 61.

(b) Includes Other Liabilities.

(c) Excludes Other Liabilities.

(d) See note (b) page 61.

(e) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.

(f) Government and Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945.

(g) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

(h) Includes Other Assets—see notes (g) and (i).

(i) Landed and house property only.

(j) Other Assets included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department). (a)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
Year 1945-46(b) ..	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
Year 1946-47 ..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
Quarter ended Mar., 1947	19,646	178,930	198,576	273,882	27,737	108,819	221,098	385,787
" " June, 1947	19,713	181,814	201,527	280,672	20,896	121,706	220,020	398,840
" " Sept., 1947	21,044	182,810	203,854	245,296	25,008	123,138	177,205	412,666
" " Dec., 1947	22,562	175,331	197,893	250,706	26,964	136,672	175,980	426,492
" " Mar., 1948	22,417	172,245	194,662	271,432	30,126	149,885	190,773	436,404
1947—Month of Jan. ..	20,475	178,518	198,993	269,830	30,922	110,754	219,065	391,885
" " Feb. ..	19,489	178,691	198,180	273,631	27,732	107,597	219,811	385,568
" " Mar. ..	18,973	179,582	198,555	278,184	24,557	108,106	224,418	379,918
1948—Month of Jan. ..	23,792	172,101	195,893	265,831	28,048	150,678	178,267	447,382
" " Feb. ..	22,181	170,837	193,018	270,922	27,599	152,982	184,771	440,888
" " Mar. ..	21,507	173,486	194,993	276,320	33,810	146,773	205,579	424,076

(a) See notes (a) pages 60 and 61.

(b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)
All Cheque-paying Banks.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
Year 1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	7,189	3,374	119	159,234
Quarter ended Mar., 1947	63,636	53,525	16,122	10,623	7,590	3,268	122	154,886
" " June, 1947	70,761	57,495	17,446	11,047	7,379	3,627	134	167,889
" " Sept., 1947	71,815	59,347	18,452	11,237	7,508	3,667	136	172,162
" " Dec., 1947	80,552	65,757	21,085	12,753	8,884	3,903	134	193,068
" " Mar., 1948(c)	74,754	59,240	18,481	12,302	8,961	3,771	131	177,640
1947—Month of Jan. ..	57,081	50,107	14,466	9,998	7,556	2,989	94	142,291
" " Feb. ..	65,969	54,527	17,243	10,567	7,747	3,411	117	159,581
" " Mar. ..	67,858	55,942	16,657	11,302	7,468	3,404	155	162,786
1948—Month of Jan.(c)	66,299	51,925	18,786	11,121	8,983	3,105	121	160,340
" " Feb.(c)	80,174	62,981	19,368	12,879	9,360	3,665	141	188,568
" " Mar.(c)	77,182	62,098	17,527	12,785	8,625	4,389	131	182,737

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of weeks ended last Monday in periods to December, 1946; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday in periods. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) See note (c), page 60.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1938-39.. ..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
" 1943-44.. ..	28,071	27,051	6,816	4,924	2,719	943	70,524
" 1944-45.. ..	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
" 1945-46.. ..	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555
" 1946-47.. ..	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894
1947—							
1st January to 29th January ..	30,504	29,662	6,125	5,878	4,148	1,194	77,511
30th January to 26th February	37,205	34,368	8,526	6,918	4,400	1,259	92,676
27th February to 26th March ..	39,598	35,732	7,805	7,055	4,068	1,272	95,530
1948—							
1st January to 28th January ..	36,164	32,597	8,460	7,139	5,553	1,134	91,047
29th January to 25th February	46,225	40,830	8,685	8,867	5,701	1,492	111,800
26th February to 31st March ..	44,026	41,744	7,862	8,419	4,652	1,930	108,633

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1947 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	537	1,020	660,015
1947—									
January	230,924	210,532	86,701	66,065	36,668	20,494	458	977	652,819
February	230,544	210,759	86,178	66,240	36,541	20,666	473	984	652,385
March ..	229,665	210,797	85,434	66,380	36,375	20,654	485	977	650,767
1948—									
January	231,430	219,626	83,817	69,796	35,722	20,840	583	1,042	662,856
February	232,182	220,504	83,543	70,450	35,727	21,057	589	1,062	665,114
March ..	232,712	221,647	83,384	71,258	35,552	21,174	596	1,066	667,389

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £63,549,000 was subscribed for War Savings and Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and March, 1948

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,666	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1947 ..	231,368	47,959	85,602	12,892	36,625	7,947	537	1,020	423,950
1947—									
January	230,924	46,643	86,701	12,702	36,668	7,760	458	977	422,833
February	230,544	46,700	86,178	12,732	36,541	7,779	473	984	421,931
March ..	229,665	46,692	85,434	12,737	36,375	7,777	485	977	420,142
1948—									
January	231,430	47,502	83,817	12,602	35,722	7,689	583	1,042	420,387
February	232,182	47,588	83,543	12,641	35,727	7,726	589	1,062	421,058
March ..	232,712	47,786	83,384	12,685	35,552	7,755	596	1,066	421,566

(a) Included with South Australia.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

(A.) RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,128 (66)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,566 (182)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,348 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (116)	642 (117)	642 (117)	641 (117)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,213 (705)	27,213 (648)	27,213 (648)	27,179 (648)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth ..	17,033	17,824	17,946	18,090	18,266
New South Wales ..	147,617	152,145	153,100	154,976	157,231
Victoria ..	52,449	52,746	52,850	53,299	53,764
Queensland ..	38,419	39,907	40,378	40,689	41,097
South Australia ..	29,733	30,674	30,983	30,647	30,975
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,531	26,628	26,752	27,062
Tasmania ..	2,140	2,765	2,944	3,068	3,151
Total(b) ..	315,860	325,039	327,276	329,968	333,993

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,128	6,128	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,748	4,748
Queensland ..	6,567	6,566	6,566	6,566	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,547	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,348
Tasmania ..	658	642	642	642	641
Total ..	27,227	27,213	27,213	27,213	27,179

(a) Capital was reduced during period 1st July, 1927 and 1937 by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,447,000, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(a)—'000.					
Commonwealth	902	3,453	2,426	1,818	1,513
New South Wales	30,106	637,100	638,900	638,000	637,500
Victoria	17,890	16,413	16,337	16,344	15,539
Queensland	13,927	19,794	17,574	15,607	16,145
South Australia	6,177	6,777	6,618	6,354	6,010
Western Australia	6,575	6,044	6,171	6,304	6,594
Tasmania	1,906	2,185	2,201	2,229	2,245
Total	77,483	91,766	90,227	86,656	85,546

PASSENGER JOURNEYS—'000.

Commonwealth	117	522	473	347	223
New South Wales	186,720	250,566	254,099	267,423	261,644
Victoria	142,124	194,138	195,698	196,118	170,165
Queensland	24,639	38,154	38,962	38,200	34,188
South Australia	17,529	27,356	24,820	23,119	19,827
Western Australia	11,415	18,773	18,099	17,136	13,879
Tasmania	2,297	3,131	3,261	3,413	3,252
Total	384,841	532,640	535,412	545,756	503,178

GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK CARRIED—'000 TONS.

Commonwealth	186	516	381	276	343
New South Wales	15,417	19,403	18,793	16,885	17,594
Victoria	5,976	8,294	8,064	7,229	7,562
Queensland	5,234	6,567	6,240	5,758	5,750
South Australia	2,640	3,648	3,476	2,970	3,215
Western Australia	2,859	2,560	2,904	2,728	2,577
Tasmania	844	978	924	880	896
Total	33,156	41,966	40,782	36,726	37,937

GROSS REVENUE—£'000.

Commonwealth	547	3,459	2,424	1,565	1,099
New South Wales	19,946	35,301	32,377	32,113	31,153
Victoria	9,284	15,882	15,258	14,675	13,577
Queensland	7,798	16,430	13,809	11,917	11,033
South Australia	3,119	5,979	5,460	4,871	4,593
Western Australia	3,599	4,387	4,276	4,107	4,046
Tasmania	487	871	900	928	893
Total	44,780	82,309	74,504	70,176	66,394

(a) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Partly estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1933-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000.					
Commonwealth	642	2,521	2,113	1,502	1,224
New South Wales	14,543	27,535	24,673	24,933	25,885
Victoria	8,060	13,214	12,832	12,531	12,916
Queensland	6,193	13,163	11,676	10,426	10,191
South Australia	2,931	5,213	5,145	5,108	5,045
Western Australia	2,911	3,796	3,764	4,027	4,424
Tasmania	678	1,136	1,167	1,209	1,254
Total	35,958	66,578	61,370	59,736	60,939

NET EARNINGS—£'000.					
Commonwealth	— 95	938	311	63	—125
New South Wales	5,403	7,766	7,704	7,180	5,267
Victoria	1,224	2,668	2,426	2,144	661
Queensland	1,605	3,267	2,133	1,491	842
South Australia	188	766	315	—237	—452
Western Australia	688	591	512	80	—378
Tasmania	—191	—265	—267	—281	—360
Total	8,822	15,731	13,134	10,440	5,455

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth	—0.56	5.27	1.73	0.35	—0.68
New South Wales	3.66	5.10	5.03	4.63	3.35
Victoria	2.33	5.06	4.59	4.02	1.23
Queensland	4.18	8.19	5.28	3.66	2.05
South Australia	0.63	2.50	1.01	—0.77	—1.46
Western Australia	2.64	2.23	1.92	0.30	—1.40
Tasmania	—8.91	—9.60	—9.06	—9.16	—11.44
Total (b)	2.79	4.84	4.01	3.16	1.63

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on page 65. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on page 65).

PARTICULARS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1946.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 237	'000. 6,325	'000. 3,301	'000. 1,650	'000. 671	'000. 527	'000. 123	'000. 12,834
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	332	8,013	3,131	3,866	1,503	1,327	286	18,458
Miscellaneous £	50	(c) 951	542	(d)	207	60	11	(e) 1,821
Total Revenue £	619	f15,289	6,974	5,516	2,381	1,914	420	33,113
Expenditure	£ 652	12,250	6,356	5,008	2,457	2,094	(g) 536	29,353
Train-miles run	833	18,545	8,051	8,081	3,039	(h)3,138	(h)1,086	42,773
Earnings per train-mile	14s. 10d.	16s. 6d.	17s. 4d.	13s. 8d.	15s. 8d.	12s. 2d.	7s. 9d.	15s. 6d.
Expenditure per train-mile	15s. 8d.	13s. 3d.	15s. 10d.	12s. 5d.	16s. 2d.	13s. 4d.	9s. 10d.	13s. 9d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	% 105.36	80.12	91.14	90.78	103.16	109.41	127.68	88.64
Passenger journeys	'000. 109	'000. 129,232	'000. 91,925	'000. 16,652	'000. 9,991	'000. 6,735	'000. 1,572	'000. 256,216
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke	87	(i)	(i)	537	236	166	111	(j)
Other Minerals	2	(i)	(i)	199	198	137	(k)	(j)
Live-stock	36	(l) 597	(l) 225	346	118	79	14	1,415
Other Goods	58	8,575	3,214	2,013	1,026	755	324	15,965
Total Freight	183	9,172	3,439	3,095	1,578	1,137	449	19,053

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only: other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,348	642	27,111
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 224	'000. 7,090	'000. 3,391	'000. 1,831	'000. 654	'000. 550	'000. 108	'000. 13,848
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	347	9,515	3,797	4,365	1,676	1,623	316	21,639
Miscellaneous £	53	(c) 1,269	577	(d) 188	139	14	14	(e) 2,240
Total Revenue £	624	f17,874	7,765	6,196	2,518	2,312	438	37,727
Expenditure .. £	655	14,637	7,306	5,506	2,802	2,592	(g) 608	34,106
Train-miles run ..	809	19,180	8,246	8,720	3,107	(h) 3,698	(h) 1,044	44,804
Earnings per train-mile ..	15s. 5d.	18s. 8d.	18s. 10d.	14s. 3d.	16s. 3d.	12s. 6d.	8s. 5d.	16s. 10d.
Expenditure per train mile	16s. 2d.	15s. 3d.	17s. 9d.	12s. 8d.	18s. 0d.	14s. 0d.	11s. 8d.	15s. 3d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	104.90	82.11	94.08	88.88	111.21	112.12	138.99	90.40
Passenger-journeys ..	'000. 110	'000. 130,392	'000. 89,365	'000. 16,905	'000. 9,377	'000. 6,911	'000. 1,376	'000. 254,436
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	110	(i)	(i)	607	298	190	91	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	239	207	105	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	31	(l) 631	(l) 259	370	137	95	12	1,535
Other Goods ..	72	9,066	3,710	1,990	1,084	999	195	17,116
Total Freight ..	215	9,697	3,969	3,206	1,726	1,389	298	20,500

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

(B.) CIVIL AVIATION.

1.—REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Six Months ended December, 1947.
	1939.(a)	1945.(a)	1946.(a)	1947.	
Registered Aircraft Owners No.	(b) 149	(b) 125	(b) 182	(b) 323	(f) 227
Registered Aircraft	(b) 296	(b) 206	(b) 349	(b) 643	(f) 516
Licensed Pilots(b)—					
Private	1,096	215	320	501	501
Commercial	346	428	1,019	(c) 1,371	(c) 1,371
Licensed Engineers(b)	525	1,122	1,226	1,702	1,702
Aerodromes(b)—					
Government	71	77	96	125	125
Public	213	230	230	237	237
Emergency	147	83	73	59	59
Hours Flown	121,935	111,122	152,140	170,138	107,520
Mileage Flown (approx.) .. '000	14,099	14,992	21,538	24,485	15,617
Passengers Carried .. No.	147,919	342,070	522,157	871,471	542,959
Goods, Weight Carried lb. '000	1,735	4,756	10,260	24,436	24,064
Mails, Gross Weight Carried lb. '000	144	(d) 2,806	1,862	941	511
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. No.	38	26	44	15	(e) 8
Persons Injured	15	10	1	17	22

(a) Includes overseas services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. (b) At 30th June, of year above each column. (c) Excludes 349 student licences. (d) Net weight. (e) Includes two persons missing. (f) At 31st December, 1947.

2. OVERSEA SERVICES.

AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

Service.	Route Miles.	Hours Flown.	Miles Flown ('000).	Paying Passengers.	Paying Passenger-miles ('000).	Freight.		Mail.	
						Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).
1946-47.									
Australian—									
British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines—									
Sydney-Vancouver (a)	8,383	2,428	485	1,701	12,709	16	120	10	72
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Sydney-Rabaul(b)	2,509	5,387	831	7,927	10,013	106	133	25	41
Sydney-Karachi (Lancastrian Service)	7,227	10,131	2,245	2,019	10,602	107	456	260	1,661
Sydney-Singapore (Hythe Flying Boat Service)	(4,476)	8,907	1,401	5,422	22,746	44	164	34	146
Sydney-Singapore (Liberator Service)(c)	(4,056)	370	73	159	627	2	6	3	13
International—									
Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Auckland-Sydney	1,340	5,410	886	13,827	18,528	74	99	133	179
Total	19,459	32,633	5,921	31,655	75,225	349	978	465	2,112

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947.

Australian—									
British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines—									
Sydney-Vancouver ..	8,383	3,211	655	2,214	14,877	17	118	14	94
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Sydney-Rabaul ..	2,509	2,943	443	4,432	5,781	86	111	15	25
Sydney-Karachi (Lancastrian Service) ..	7,227	4,723	1,058	881	4,310	86	387	159	954
Sydney-Singapore (Hythe Flying Boat Service) ..	(4,476)	4,446	697	2,966	11,780	27	105	9	33
Sydney-Suva(d) ..	2,205	198	26	184	361	2	3	..	1
Sydney-London (Constellation Service)(e) ..	4,834 (7,227)	408	95	246	1,998	7	47	8	82
International—									
Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Auckland-Sydney ..	1,340	3,123	515	8,949	11,932	41	55	79	105
Pan American Airways—									
San Francisco-Sydney(f) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total(g) ..	26,498	19,052	3,489	19,872	51,039	266	826	284	1,294

(a) Service commenced 15th September, 1946. (b) Reported as Sydney-Lae service prior to 15th January, 1947. (c) Service ceased 31st August, 1946. (d) Service commenced 1st October, 1947. (e) Service commenced 1st December, 1947. (f) Particulars not yet available. (g) Incomplete.

NOTE.—Route miles in brackets are not included in totals.

(C.) TELEPHONES.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1948.
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	577,777	607,475	647,876	678,559
Instruments connected ..	661,996	827,862	855,917	905,017	949,087

MOTOR VEHICLES.

(D.) MOTOR VEHICLES.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).

REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1946-47.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' &c. Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	200,320	114,712	25,172	340,204	568,949	2,525,036	293,946	152,279	2,971,261
Victoria ..	157,461	111,263	26,203	294,927	437,924	1,912,432	109,495	130,896	2,152,823
Queensland ..	73,993	72,687	11,567	158,247	204,833	899,600	86,290	97,009	1,082,899
South Australia ..	65,252	32,693	11,646	109,591	148,414	629,300	89,882	11,305	730,487
Western Australia ..	32,879	31,932	8,199	73,010	94,574	357,305	31,879	44,352	433,536
Tasmania ..	18,493	9,047	3,611	31,151	38,022	222,286	19,011	40,045	281,342
Northern Territory	320	2,491	179	2,990	2,672	4,146	1,424	..	5,570
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,682	821	135	2,638	4,377	12,127	2,066	115	14,308
Total 1946-47 ..	550,400	375,646	86,712	1,012,758	1,499,765	6,562,232	633,993	476,001	7,672,226
Total 1945-46 ..	522,615	333,129	72,701	928,445	1,378,040	5,882,844	557,728	378,732	6,819,304
Total 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st MARCH, 1948.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	210,467	166,484	76,718	68,586	34,664	19,268	317	1,806	578,250
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	125,763	117,602	78,231	35,653	34,469	9,869	2,495	915	404,987
Motor Cycles ..	28,718	28,324	12,060	13,831	8,590	3,946	179	175	96,723
Total at 31st March, 1948 ..	364,948	312,410	167,009	118,070	77,723	33,023	2,991	2,896	1,079,970
Total at 31st March, 1947 ..	334,197	289,193	155,845	108,771	71,451	30,674	3,463	2,614	996,208
Total at 31st March, 1939 ..	316,528	259,088	125,984	96,451	66,849	25,881	1,249	2,219	894,249

(a) At 30th June of year previous.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	11,275	8,208	3,262	2,877	1,998	1,001	79	28,700
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	6,957	6,643	3,179	1,893	1,525	772	38	21,007
Motor Cycles ..	3,052	2,472	1,376	1,878	805	449	23	10,055
Total, nine months ended March, 1948 ..	21,284	17,323	7,817	6,648	4,328	2,222	140	59,762
Total, nine months ended March, 1947 ..	11,737	8,907	4,733	3,790	2,273	1,351	71	32,862
Total, nine months ended March, 1939 ..	23,163	18,348	10,189	6,373	2,628	2,268	248	63,217

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

(E.) WIRELESS.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1945 ..	572,697	412,317	184,341	157,825	102,065	50,557	1,479,802
" " 1946 ..	575,864	415,885	191,186	164,724	106,529	51,992	1,506,180
" " 1947 ..	679,505	499,944	228,066	180,909	121,149	61,674	1,771,247
31st March, 1948 ..	702,890	515,039	240,955	192,898	128,256	63,915	1,843,953

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Papua.

(d) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a)368
1946	183	138	110	111	130	69	4	15	760	(a)362
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,132
1946	591	382	307	173	209	70	..	1	1,733	(b)2,131
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395
1946	527,738	324,380	199,719	101,595	77,622	28,314	1,997	2,293	1,263,658	1,263,658

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.				Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
						Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year	..	..	..	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1943	..	..	..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944	..	..	..	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1945	..	..	..	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946	..	..	..	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1947	..	..	..	381	718,096	8,432	1.2
1932 June	Quarter(c)	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1944—June	..	..	..	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September	..	..	..	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December	..	..	..	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March	..	..	..	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June	..	..	..	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September	..	..	..	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December	..	..	..	387	663,467	8,276	1.2
1946—March	..	..	..	385	662,296	9,062	1.4
June	..	..	..	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September	..	..	..	381	672,209	9,212	1.4
December	..	..	..	381	692,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March	..	..	..	381	699,155	9,880	1.4
June	..	..	..	381	713,455	9,240	1.2
September	..	..	..	381	725,286	7,970	1.1
December	..	..	..	381	734,489	6,637	0.9
1948—March	..	..	..	381	744,901	6,754	0.9

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 97. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938 Year	..	..	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1943	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944	..	..	..	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945	..	..	..	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946	..	..	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1947	..	..	..	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.2
1932—June	Quarter (b)	..	..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1943—March	..	..	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	..	..	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	..	..	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	..	..	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	..	..	..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	..	..	..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	..	..	..	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	..	..	..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	..	..	..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	..	..	..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	..	..	..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	..	..	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June	..	..	..	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September	..	..	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December	..	..	..	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March	..	..	..	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
June	..	..	..	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.2
September	..	..	..	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
December	..	..	..	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
1948—March	..	..	..	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9

(a) See notes to table on page 71.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1946.	1947.				1948.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3
II. Engineering, Metal works, &c. ..	33.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	2.9	1.9	2.9	3.4	2.9	1.7
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	22.6	1.6	1.5	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.6
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	2.4	2.7	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5
VII. Building ..	42.1	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	2.7	2.5	3.1	1.4	2.2	3.5
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	1.5	1.9	3.6	1.4	1.6	1.8
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7
All Groups ..	30.0	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9

(a) See notes to table on page 71. see page 79.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

Period.		N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.								
1945-46 Year ..	..	2,524	303	1,445	778	422	42	5,514
1946-47 ..	..	1,754	1,578	4,665	200	1,095	79	9,371
1945-46—March	Quarter	2,066	416	2,125	1,198	475	50	6,330
June	..	1,223	467	3,255	318	1,036	78	6,377
1946-47—September	..	1,504	651	3,098	257	1,311	104	6,925
December	..	1,824	2,836	3,883	216	1,371	101	10,231
March	..	2,118	1,815	7,281	208	923	59	12,404
June	..	1,570	1,012	4,397	120	773	52	7,924
1947-48—September	..	1,234	308	2,433	94	677	50	4,796
December	(d)	644	147	1,631	56	427	33	2,938
March	(e)	511	96	4,301	40	354	24	5,326

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year ..	..	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 ..	..	3,088	2,232	1,165	851	715	386	8,437
1945-46—March	Quarter	2,283	1,550	819	630	449	269	6,000
June	..	2,378	1,727	953	735	557	287	6,637
1946-47—September	..	2,727	2,003	1,041	824	663	358	7,616
December	..	3,000	2,237	1,186	830	708	402	8,363
March	..	3,106	2,238	1,182	844	735	387	8,492
June	..	3,520	2,450	1,252	907	754	394	9,277
1947-48—September	..	3,939	2,618	1,442	1,031	798	499	10,327
December	(d)	3,729	2,561	1,431	970	775	484	9,950
March	(e)	3,554	2,385	1,454	935	759	428	9,515

(a) In addition, an average of 118 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46 and 396 during 1946-47. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Revised since last issue. (e) Subject to revision.

(ii) Benefits Paid.(a)

Period.		N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.								
1945-46 Year ..	..	£ 275,205	£ 28,234	£ 108,138	£ 73,226	£ 36,440	£ 3,827	£ 525,070
1946-47 ..	..	172,141	159,060	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1945-46—March	Quarter	224,380	12,067	39,988	62,551	9,883	1,234	350,103
June	..	32,555	11,660	64,056	7,107	24,065	1,834	141,277
1946-47—September	..	35,167	15,310	87,453	7,224	32,465	2,344	179,963
December	..	38,900	45,807	67,811	4,394	37,601	2,494	197,007
March	..	60,275	74,344	172,582	5,766	22,827	1,571	337,365
June	..	37,799	23,600	113,202	2,680	17,807	1,400	196,488
1947-48—September	..	29,422	8,277	57,165	1,987	16,358	1,196	114,405
December	..	14,629	4,322	32,522	1,098	8,922	776	62,269
March	..	9,911	2,350	76,913	645	7,502	473	97,794

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year ..	..	£ 198,943	£ 139,267	£ 76,306	£ 53,076	£ 34,817	£ 23,459	£ 525,868
1946-47 ..	..	258,782	182,184	106,631	74,471	56,050	33,246	711,364
1945-46—March	Quartep	66,462	41,363	18,075	15,845	10,508	7,542	159,795
June	..	57,801	44,452	26,411	18,024	11,373	6,579	164,640
1946-47—September	..	58,405	41,539	30,374	20,164	16,158	7,882	174,522
December	..	49,798	47,206	24,261	18,454	13,768	8,880	162,367
March	..	70,408	45,066	36,334	17,134	12,020	7,526	188,488
June	..	80,171	48,373	15,662	18,719	14,104	8,958	185,987
1947-48—September	..	84,400	49,201	20,168	20,971	16,045	9,974	200,759
December	..	80,206	59,174	26,274	20,347	13,588	10,856	210,445
March	..	70,854	46,396	41,980	17,735	14,695	8,690	200,350

(a) In addition, £4,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46 and £27,939 during 1946-47. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947* provides for the payment of benefit to person whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for a dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years, and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA. (a) (Thousands).

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1933—June	262.2	729.8	992.0	36.3	251.7	151.7e	164.5	212.3		112.6
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.6	102.3	117.4	123.9
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.2	509.0	117.5	195.9	81.5	98.8	108.4
1943—June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.3	100.1
1944—June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6
1945—Aug.	398.6	911.1	1,309.7	44.2	519.2	90.6	211.5	77.2	98.1	116.1
1946—June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.5	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.5	140.5
1947—June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	595.1	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9
July	473.4	1,188.8	1,662.2	51.3	600.8	158.0	257.7	117.0	152.5	157.2
Aug.	474.7	1,193.3	1,668.0	51.2	605.8	158.5	256.5	117.3	152.8	158.3
Sept.	476.9	1,200.1	1,677.0	51.6	606.9	159.9	258.6	118.7	154.1	159.1
Oct.	478.6	1,205.5	1,684.1	51.6	607.4	160.7	261.0	119.7	155.5	159.9
Nov.	478.9	1,208.8	1,687.7	51.7	607.1	161.1	260.3	121.8	156.9	160.3
Dec.	481.7	1,209.5	1,691.2	51.7	603.8	160.0	261.5	125.6	158.0	161.9
1948—Jan.	482.7	1,211.0	1,693.7	51.7	606.1	160.2	263.1	122.2	159.0	162.4
Feb.	471.1	1,215.1	1,686.2	51.8	603.2	163.0	254.0	121.5	159.8	162.3
Mar.	480.4	1,214.9	1,695.3	51.5	602.7	164.9	260.0	121.7	160.3	163.0
FEMALES.										
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3		130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1941—July	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9
1942—June	100.8	502.8	603.6	0.6	206.0	2.0	25.7	104.2	51.8	160.2
1943—June	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6	165.3
1944—June	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7
1945—Aug.	121.6	495.7	617.3	0.4	204.0	2.2	36.7	96.7	53.3	176.7
1946—June	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	191.9	2.4	32.4	99.7	50.8	183.3
1947—June	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	200.6	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3
July	92.1	531.8	623.9	0.5	202.9	2.7	32.5	104.2	53.6	194.4
Aug.	92.3	534.8	627.1	0.6	203.1	2.7	32.7	104.4	54.4	196.1
Sept.	92.4	536.8	629.2	0.5	203.1	2.7	32.9	104.9	54.8	197.2
Oct.	92.4	540.7	633.1	0.6	204.0	2.8	33.1	106.3	55.2	198.3
Nov.	92.1	545.4	637.5	0.5	204.9	2.7	33.0	109.6	55.3	198.9
Dec.	92.3	545.5	637.8	0.6	203.2	2.8	33.4	112.5	55.3	197.5
1948—Jan.	92.8	538.4	631.2	0.6	201.0	2.8	34.0	107.9	55.4	196.8
Feb.	92.3	542.1	634.4	0.6	203.7	2.8	33.4	107.6	56.3	197.0
Mar.	94.1	545.5	639.6	0.6	205.4	2.8	34.3	108.1	56.3	198.9
PERSONS.										
1933—June	308.7	1,024.1	1,332.8	36.5	354.8	152.4e	175.5	299.6		243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1941—July	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8
1942—June	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	48.8	715.0	119.5	221.6	185.7	150.6	268.6
1943—June	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	265.4
1944—June	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3
1945—Aug.	520.2	1,406.8	1,927.0	44.6	723.2	92.8	248.2	173.9	151.4	292.8
1946—June	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.4	127.3	270.2	202.9	184.3	323.8
1947—June	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	795.7	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2
July	565.5	1,720.6	2,286.1	51.8	803.7	160.7	290.2	221.2	206.1	351.6
Aug.	567.0	1,728.1	2,295.1	51.8	808.9	161.2	289.2	221.7	207.2	354.4
Sept.	569.3	1,736.9	2,306.2	52.1	810.0	162.6	291.5	223.6	208.9	356.3
Oct.	571.0	1,746.2	2,317.2	52.2	811.4	163.5	294.1	226.0	210.7	358.2
Nov.	571.0	1,754.2	2,325.2	52.2	812.0	163.8	293.3	231.4	212.2	359.2
Dec.	574.0	1,755.0	2,329.0	52.3	807.0	162.8	294.9	238.1	213.3	359.4
1948—Jan.	575.5	1,749.4	2,324.9	52.3	807.1	163.0	297.1	230.1	214.4	359.2
Feb.	563.4	1,757.2	2,320.6	52.4	806.9	165.8	287.4	229.1	216.1	359.3
Mar.	574.5	1,760.4	2,334.9	52.1	808.1	167.7	294.3	229.8	216.6	361.9

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (except Factories, 1945-46) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1946, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. N.S.W. revised—July, 1946 onward. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Includes 72,300 labourers, industry undefined.

WAGES AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

(Thousands.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1933—June ..	380.6	288.6	139.8	80.5	70.1	29.0	1.0	2.4	992.0
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1941—July ..	547.7	403.4	166.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.5	3.1	1,363.4
1942—June ..	535.0	375.5	165.8	116.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.5
1943—June ..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June ..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—August ..	542.0	360.8	173.3	110.4	76.6	39.8	3.5	3.3	1,309.7
1946—June ..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June ..	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
July ..	676.7	455.2	223.0	142.0	104.3	51.8	3.5	5.7	1,662.2
August ..	679.4	455.7	225.6	142.0	104.1	52.0	3.5	5.7	1,668.0
September ..	683.4	457.5	226.5	143.2	105.2	51.8	3.6	5.8	1,677.0
October ..	686.4	460.8	226.3	143.4	105.7	52.1	3.6	5.8	1,684.1
November ..	687.9	462.0	226.7	143.2	105.9	52.5	3.6	5.9	1,687.7
December ..	688.6	463.6	225.5	144.1	106.8	53.2	3.6	5.8	1,691.2
1948—January ..	689.7	465.1	224.4	145.0	106.7	53.3	3.6	5.9	1,693.7
February ..	693.9	466.8	210.8	145.1	106.5	53.7	3.5	5.9	1,686.2
March ..	695.8	468.5	213.9	145.9	107.6	54.1	3.6	5.9	1,695.3

FEMALES.

1933—June ..	125.8	118.2	40.5	26.0	20.6	9.1	0.1	0.5	340.8
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July ..	218.3	186.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June ..	235.0	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	603.6
1943—June ..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June ..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—August ..	248.1	192.3	74.8	48.4	35.2	16.6	0.3	1.6	617.3
1946—June ..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.6	0.4	1.6	596.0
1947—June ..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
July ..	252.9	192.5	75.2	48.6	35.6	17.0	0.5	1.6	623.9
August ..	255.4	192.4	75.8	48.8	35.8	16.7	0.5	1.7	627.1
September ..	256.8	192.6	76.1	49.0	35.9	16.7	0.5	1.6	629.2
October ..	258.3	193.7	76.7	49.3	35.9	16.9	0.6	1.7	633.1
November ..	260.7	195.0	76.6	49.7	36.3	16.9	0.6	1.7	637.5
December ..	260.8	193.8	77.2	49.9	36.6	17.2	0.6	1.7	637.8
1948—January ..	257.4	192.1	76.3	49.4	36.4	17.3	0.6	1.7	631.2
February ..	259.2	194.9	75.2	49.3	36.5	16.9	0.6	1.8	634.4
March ..	260.1	197.0	76.1	49.7	36.8	17.5	0.6	1.8	639.6

PERSONS.

1933—June ..	506.4	406.8	180.3	106.5	90.7	38.1	1.1	2.9	1,332.8
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1941—July ..	766.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June ..	770.0	574.0	233.2	168.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,913.1
1943—June ..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June ..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—August ..	790.1	553.1	248.1	158.8	111.8	56.4	3.8	4.9	1,927.0
1946—June ..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.2	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June ..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
July ..	929.6	647.7	298.2	190.6	139.9	68.8	4.0	7.3	2,286.1
August ..	934.8	648.1	301.4	190.8	139.9	68.7	4.0	7.4	2,295.1
September ..	940.2	650.1	302.6	192.2	141.1	68.5	4.1	7.4	2,306.2
October ..	944.7	654.5	303.0	192.7	141.6	69.0	4.2	7.5	2,317.2
November ..	948.6	657.0	303.3	192.9	142.2	69.4	4.2	7.6	2,325.2
December ..	949.4	657.4	302.7	194.0	143.4	70.4	4.2	7.5	2,329.0
1948—January ..	947.1	657.2	300.7	194.4	143.1	70.6	4.2	7.6	2,324.9
February ..	953.1	661.7	286.0	194.4	143.0	70.6	4.1	7.7	2,320.6
March ..	955.9	665.5	290.0	195.6	144.4	71.6	4.2	7.7	2,334.9

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 74.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unad- justed.	Ad- justed. (b)
1936-37(c)	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	189.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38(c)	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39(c)	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1940-41(c)	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	453.1	174.8	627.9	1,194	1,159
1941-42(c)	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	504.7	198.1	d702.8	1,337	1,286
1942-43(c)	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	517.7	221.1	d738.8	1,405	1,339
1943-44(c)	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	d744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45(c)	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	d727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46(c)	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.9	193.3	718.2	1,366	1,265
1946-47(c)(e)	331.3	257.1	68.7	66.7	32.0	18.9	577.4	197.3	774.7	1,473	1,348
1946-47—(e)											
December	328.8	248.6	64.2	65.2	31.8	18.5	561.4	195.7	757.1	1,440	1,319
March	336.6	255.9	68.2	67.2	32.5	19.0	578.9	200.5	779.4	1,482	1,350
June	338.6	264.6	72.1	67.9	32.9	19.6	595.1	200.6	795.7	1,513	1,373
1947-48—(e)											
September	345.1	267.7	76.0	68.6	33.5	19.1	606.9	203.1	810.0	1,541	1,393
October	346.2	268.5	75.4	68.6	33.4	19.3	607.4	204.0	811.4	1,543	1,392
November	346.6	269.6	75.1	68.3	33.2	19.2	607.1	204.9	812.0	1,544	1,392
December	345.2	268.0	72.6	68.4	33.2	19.6	603.8	203.2	807.0	1,535	1,383
January	344.7	268.0	71.6	69.5	33.3	20.0	606.1	201.0	807.1	1,535	1,380
February	346.9	269.9	67.2	69.5	33.3	20.1	603.2	203.7	806.9	1,535	1,379
March	347.5	271.3	65.8	69.5	33.8	20.2	602.7	205.4	808.1	1,537	1,378

(a) Revised—July, 1946 onward. (b) Divided by Index of Total Population. (c) Average of monthly figures. (d) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1941-42, 79.8; 1942-43, 121.8; 1943-44, 116.0; and 1944-45, 89.1. (e) From July, 1946, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax return of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1943—June	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—June	694	695	697	744	695	781	702
1945—August	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
1946—June	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,080	1,016
1947—June	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—January	1,200	1,194	1,247	1,294	1,356	1,202	1,223
February	1,208	1,194	1,219	1,295	1,367	1,205	1,224
March	1,221	1,203	1,228	1,306	1,384	1,224	1,236
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1943—June	951	937	1,019	959	974	988	958
1944—June	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
1945—August	965	922	1,055	1,042	1,003	1,060	975
1946—June	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005
1947—June	1,038	989	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—January	1,107	1,016	1,149	1,175	1,123	1,190	1,097
February	1,103	1,035	1,160	1,146	1,145	1,167	1,100
March	1,121	1,042	1,154	1,175	1,157	1,171	1,112
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)							
1943—June	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—June	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
1945—August	849	837	892	922	897	953	864
1946—June	988	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,088	1,005
1947—June	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,181	1,153	1,148	1,089
1948—January	1,153	1,104	1,202	1,232	1,233	1,196	1,154
February	1,155	1,113	1,192	1,218	1,249	1,187	1,156
March	1,170	1,121	1,194	1,238	1,264	1,198	1,168

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1947 ..	921	2,731	254,587	43,211	297,798	881,729	37,682	919,411	1,360,632
1946—Dec. Qtr.	193	599	79,821	2,346	82,167	225,374	15,643	241,017	316,151
1947—March ..	253	580	97,093	6,256	103,349	326,290	14,074	340,364	493,195
June ..	189	239	44,288	1,512	45,800	105,974	45,184	151,158	222,970
Sept. ..	234	263	49,721	3,067	52,788	136,182	9,988	146,170	220,715
Dec. ..	245	1,649	63,485	32,376	95,861	281,719	..	281,719	423,752
VICTORIA.									
Year—1947 ..	17	233	6,005	1,929	7,934	29,717	304,468	334,185	417,426
1946—Dec. Qtr.	13	132	66,504	1,975	68,479	435,075	176	435,251	467,673
1947—March ..	4	118	3,714	1,800	5,514	10,140	225,268	235,408	295,028
June ..	4	7	899	111	1,010	8,752	79,200	87,952	107,792
Sept. ..	5	5	690	18	708	7,549	..	7,549	9,542
Dec. ..	4	103	702	..	702	3,276	..	3,276	5,064
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1947 ..	13	24	11,944	20	11,964	27,105	4,140	31,245	45,953
1946—Dec. Qtr.	6	19	4,099	70	4,169	10,448	..	10,448	14,848
1947—March ..	4	15	2,589	..	2,589	9,211	4,140	13,351	19,364
June ..	3	2	480	20	500	3,720	..	3,720	5,900
Sept. ..	2	2	364	..	364	5,336	..	5,336	7,893
Dec. ..	5	5	8,511	..	8,511	8,838	..	8,838	12,796
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1947 ..	17	35	4,821	832	5,653	32,686	6,968	39,654	53,916
1946—Dec. Qtr.	11	26	8,355	..	8,355	25,592	..	25,592	27,355
1947—March ..	8	16	2,559	232	2,791	10,166	6,968	17,134	21,421
June ..	4	8	373	600	973	3,917	..	3,917	4,218
Sept. ..	2	2	1,745	..	1,745	17,935	..	17,935	26,782
Dec. ..	3	9	144	..	144	668	..	668	895
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1947 ..	7	12	1,759	7	1,766	6,070	..	6,070	8,622
1946—Dec. Qtr.	4	9	1,892	3,659	5,551	66,133	..	66,133	63,868
1947—March ..	3	8	1,296	7	1,303	5,176	..	5,176	7,440
June ..	2	2	392	..	392	392	..	392	537
Sept. ..	2	2	71	..	71	502	..	502	645
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TASMANIA.									
Year—1947 ..	6	17	1,152	220	1,372	5,563	..	5,563	7,636
1946—Dec. Qtr.	3	9	1,296	..	1,296	2,647	..	2,647	2,941
1947—March ..	5	16	981	220	1,201	4,366	..	4,366	5,876
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	1	1	171	..	171	1,197	..	1,197	1,760
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1947(a) ..	982	3,058	280,718	46,419	327,137	985,470	353,258	1,338,728	1,898,085
1946—Dec. Qtr.	230	794	161,967	8,050	170,017	765,269	15,819	781,088	892,835
1947—March ..	277	753	108,232	8,515	116,747	365,349	250,450	615,799	842,324
June ..	201	258	46,432	2,243	48,675	122,755	124,384	247,139	342,017
Sept. ..	246	275	52,762	3,085	55,847	168,701	9,988	178,689	267,337
Dec.(a) ..	258	1,772	73,292	32,576	105,868	297,101	..	297,101	446,407

(a) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 650; working days lost, 2,600; estimated loss in wages, £3,900.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated. Members of the armed forces are not included.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.							
Year—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941-42 ..	4,248	3,032	1,270	883	605	268	10,306
1942-43 ..	4,608	3,195	1,488	940	583	279	11,093
1943-44—							
March Qtr.	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108
June "	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436
Year "	4,727	3,235	1,605	958	607	304	11,436
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147
December "	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478
March "	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873
June "	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321	11,410
Year "	4,672	3,173	1,514	937	620	311	11,227
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325	11,332
December "	4,808	3,320	1,555	896	654	322	11,555
March "	4,767	3,248	1,438	911	667	332	11,363
June "	5,313	3,638	1,580	1,013	733	367	12,644
Year "	4,906	3,347	1,522	938	674	336	11,723
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	5,432	3,711	1,665	1,062	766	375	13,011
December "	5,875	3,974	1,782	1,130	804	399	13,964
March "	5,649	3,805	1,652	1,133	784	386	13,409

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)

Year—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941-42 ..	5.83	5.78	5.22	5.25	5.47	4.79	5.63
1942-43 ..	6.54	6.57	6.19	5.89	5.84	5.23	6.36
1943-44—							
March Qtr.	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66	6.44
June "	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66
Year "	6.80	6.81	6.65	6.10	6.17	5.66	6.64
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49
December "	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68
March "	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30
June "	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60
Year "	6.69	6.66	6.48	5.91	6.20	5.58	6.52
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73	6.54
December "	6.91	6.91	6.43	5.92	6.29	5.66	6.68
March "	6.38	6.41	5.66	5.74	6.03	5.46	6.18
June "	6.76	6.85	5.96	6.03	6.25	5.71	6.55
Year "	6.69	6.71	6.09	5.92	6.22	5.64	6.48
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	6.70	6.77	5.96	6.07	6.34	5.70	6.51
December "	7.10	7.17	6.27	6.37	6.46	5.99	6.86
March "	6.73	6.77	5.75	6.27	6.17	5.68	6.50

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE—The figures above are undergoing revision. Revised figures and figures for later quarters will be published when this revision has been completed. An index of average weekly wage earnings is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

**WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DEC., 1947.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	139/8	141/6	132/3	134/8	131/11	135/3	137/4
	Working Hours	41.68	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.27
	Hourly Wage	3/4½	3/2½	3/0	3/0½	3/0	3/1	3/2
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	143/1	142/5	138/5	139/3	146/9	145/4	142/3
	Working Hours	42.31	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	43.38
	Hourly Wage	3/4½	3/2½	3/1½	3/2	3/4	3/3½	3/3½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	137/0	133/3	129/3	131/1	131/7	127/1	133/4
	Working Hours	41.01	44.03	43.44	42.78	44.00	43.58	42.73
	Hourly Wage	3/4	3/0½	2/11½	3/0½	3/0	2/11	3/1½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	131/7	132/7	135/7	135/7	130/7	129/7	132/7
	Working Hours	43.57	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.84
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	3/0½	3/1	3/1	2/11½	2/11½	3/0½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	163/7	160/7	147/6	146/2	155/9	146/5	158/5
	Working Hours	41.69	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.08
	Hourly Wage	3.11	3/10	3/4½	3/4½	3/7½	3/4½	3/9½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	137/0	135/7	134/0	136/1	131/2	137/11	135/11
	Working Hours	41.85	43.90	43.78	42.64	43.03	43.75	42.94
	Hourly Wage	3/3½	3/1	3/0½	3/2½	2/11½	3/1½	3/2
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	160/11	161/6	138/5	155/8	137/5	137/1	156/1
	Working Hours	40.82	44.00	40.00	42.22	44.00	44.00	42.10
	Hourly Wage	3/11½	3/8	3/5½	3/8½	3/1½	3/1½	3/8½
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	142/11	135/11	140/7	120/5	150/1	128/7	140/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.47	40.93	40.89	40.50	41.33	40.42
	Hourly Wage	3/7	3/4½	3/5½	2/11½	3/8½	3/1½	3/5½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	137/0	137/11	131/9	130/8	133/11	132/5	136/0
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/1½	3/0½	2/11½	3/0½	3/0	3/1½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	130/8	124/6	125/3	121/2	126/7	123/6	126/10
	Working Hours	40.00	44.00	44.00	43.27	44.00	44.00	42.31
	Hourly Wage	3/3½	2/8	2/8½	2/9½	2/10½	2/9½	3/0
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	136/3	136/9	133/5	134/8	135/4	134/11	135/7
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	133/8	133/2	140/0	132/1	134/1	135/5	134/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	125/4	123/8	117/10	115/4	117/11	114/0	122/2
	Working Hours	40.00	44.33	44.00	40.00	44.80	44.00	42.30
	Hourly Wage e	3/1½	2/8½	2/8½	2/10½	2/7½	2/7	2/10½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	132/1	129/6	123/4	121/1	125/0	123/0	128/5
	Working Hours	40.54	44.01	44.00	42.70	44.00	43.51	42.56
	Hourly Wage	3/3	2/11½	2/9½	2/10	2/10	2/10	3/0½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	137/7	136/0	133/4	131/2	135/1	131/1	135/6
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	138/8	136/7	130/11	130/7	135/3	129/1	135/9
	Working Hours	41.11	43.68	43.18	42.84	43.15	43.27	42.51
	Hourly Wage	3/4½	3/1½	3/0½	3/0½	3/1½	2/11½	3/2½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DEC., 1947.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	71/5	83/11	69/9	71/11	59/5	71/6	76/10
	Working Hours	40.80	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	42.79
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/11	1/7	1/7½	1/4½	1/7½	1/9½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	85/6	87/0	88/3	88/3	69/4	86/7	86/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/11½	1/11½	2/0	2/0	1/7	1/11½	1/11½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	81/4	92/11	74/3	81/8	..	70/9	86/4
	Working Hours	40.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	42.49
	Hourly Wage	2/0½	2/1½	1/8½	1/10½	..	1/7½	2/0½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage b	75/3	79/2	78/7	74/1	74/2	73/7	76/6
	Working Hours	40.00	44.00	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	42.26
	Hourly Wage b	1/10½	1/9½	1/9½	1/10½	1/8½	1/8	1/9½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c...	Weekly Wage	84/0	97/0	92/2	70/9	..	..	88/5
	Working Hours	40.00	43.94	44.00	40.00	..	..	41.95
	Hourly Wage	2/1½	2/2½	2/1½	1/9½	..	..	2/1½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	82/1	88/3	85/6	80/3	71/7	81/4	84/4
	Working Hours	41.78	43.99	44.00	42.19	44.00	44.00	43.08
	Hourly Wage	1/11½	2/0	1/11½	1/10½	1/7½	1/10½	1/11½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 31st DEC., 1947.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" " 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
" " 1944	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
" " 1945	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
" " 1946	130 11	128 11	128 0	121 4	125 7	125 2	128 6
30th June, 1947	132 8	130 0	130 9	123 9	130 3	126 1	130 5
30th September, 1947	134 0	132 10	130 11	127 6	132 7	128 2	132 4
31st December, 1947	137 7	136 0	133 4	131 2	135 1	131 1	135 6
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
" " 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
" " 1945	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
" " 1946	2,554	2,515	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507
30th June, 1947	2,589	2,536	2,551	2,415	2,541	2,460	2,545
30th September, 1947	2,615	2,592	2,555	2,487	2,587	2,501	2,582
31st December, 1947	2,685	2,653	2,602	2,559	2,636	2,557	2,644
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 3
" " 1943	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
" " 1944	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
" " 1945	71 3	73 11	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 5	72 0
" " 1946	76 0	78 6	79 5	72 10	67 2	72 7	76 9
30th June, 1947	77 5	79 2	81 3	74 1	69 11	73 8	78 0
30th September, 1947	79 6	83 8	82 2	76 9	70 8	76 11	80 10
31st December, 1947	82 1	88 3	85 6	80 3	71 7	81 4	84 4
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2p. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000)							
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" " 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
" " 1944	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
" " 1945	2,623	2,722	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,517	2,650
" " 1946	2,799	2,889	2,923	2,679	2,472	2,673	2,824
30th June, 1947	2,851	2,915	2,990	2,726	2,573	2,711	2,869
30th September, 1947	2,925	3,080	3,025	2,826	2,601	2,832	2,976
31st December, 1947	3,022	3,247	3,146	2,952	2,634	2,995	3,105

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES BY STATE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales ..	(a) £ 5 16 0	(a) 3 2 6	1.5.48	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(5 15 0)	(3 2 0)	(1.5.48)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 5 14 0	3 8 6	19.4.48	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	5 17 0	3 6 6	7.7.48	" " " " children
Western Australia(e)	5 15 9	3 2 6	26.4.48	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(5 12 0)	(3 0 6)	(1.5.48)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong. Broken Hill—Males, £6 1s.; Females, £3 5s. 6d. Elsewhere—Males, £5 13s.; Females, £3 1s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 26.4.48 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £6 4s. 9d.; Females, £3 7s. 4d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 15s. 2d.; Females, £3 2s. 2d.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st May, 1947.	1st August, 1947.	1st November, 1947.	1st February, 1948.	1st May, 1948.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	114 0	116 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	113 0	115 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	104 0	104 0	105 0	107 0	110 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	103 0	104 0	106 0	108 0	111 0
Perth ..	77 0	103 0	104 0	106 0	107 0	110 0
Hobart ..	77 0	104 0	105 0	107 0	110 0	112 0
Six Capitals..	79 0	106 0	107 0	109 0	111 0	114 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1946, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.

AWARDS OF INDUSTRIAL COURTS AND WAGES BOARD DETERMINATIONS MADE AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS FILED.

State.	1938.		1943.		1944.		1945.		1946.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	38	24	11	36	10	40	19	66	18
Victoria ..	99	..	129	..	110	..	69	..	116	..
Queensland ..	38	38	17	35	14	29	58	33	23	47
South Australia ..	6	4	44	7	31	3	48	6	124	13
Western Australia ..	28	31	6	12	9	9	9	11	12	6
Tasmania ..	26	..	20	..	16	..	6	..	9	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	43	17	45	13	29	23	13	26
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	3	..	4	..	7	..	2	..
Total ..	295	124	286	82	265	64	266	92	365	110

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 85.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.

("B" Series.)

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1947.				1948.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	904	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,039	1,110	1,097	1,096	1,109	1,138	1,192
Melbourne	884	1,055	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,063	1,100	1,117	1,160	1,206
Brisbane	838	975	965	966	981	1,055	1,038	1,036	1,053	1,092	1,155
Adelaide	861	1,003	993	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,025	1,058	1,071	1,112	1,155
Perth	899	1,059	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,068	1,096	1,120	1,132	1,192
Hobart	880	1,062	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,090	1,105	1,151	1,180	1,236
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	1,037	1,026	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,071	1,088	1,104	1,138	1,190

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	1,004	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,044	1,044	1,044	1,044	1,045	1,046
Melbourne	935	974	974	973	973	974	974	974	974	974	974
Brisbane	841	862	863	863	863	864	864	864	864	864	865
Adelaide	868	893	892	892	894	897	895	896	897	899	899
Perth	872	885	886	886	886	887	886	887	887	887	888
Hobart	913	931	932	933	936	936	936	936	936	936	936
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	975	976	975	976	977	976	976	977	977	978

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	941	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,073	1,073	1,081	1,099	1,132
Melbourne	902	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,026	1,048	1,059	1,084	1,113
Brisbane	838	929	923	924	932	978	968	966	977	1,001	1,039
Adelaide	862	958	951	957	960	998	972	993	1,001	1,026	1,053
Perth	887	989	987	990	989	1,017	995	1,012	1,027	1,034	1,071
Hobart	891	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,053	1,027	1,037	1,064	1,082	1,116
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,032	1,042	1,052	1,073	1,105

(a) See note (a) on page 85.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 86.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS). ("B" SERIES.)^(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1947.				1948.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	941	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,073	1,073	1,081	1,099	1,132
Newcastle	898	1,000	987	989	990	1,035	1,027	1,025	1,032	1,051	1,089
Broken Hill	948	1,044	1,055	1,073	1,073	1,110	1,084	1,103	1,111	1,143	1,165
Goulburn	908	1,007	999	997	996	1,030	1,019	1,023	1,028	1,050	1,030
Bathurst	867	953	951	958	966	1,006	992	1,001	1,008	1,024	1,033
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,034	1,078	1,069	1,069	1,077	1,096	1,129
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	902	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,026	1,048	1,059	1,084	1,113
Ballarat	808	908	907	912	917	950	925	946	951	976	1,011
Bendigo	817	923	923	926	928	952	931	946	953	979	1,014
Geelong	872	962	958	957	961	1,012	984	1,007	1,013	1,042	1,075
Warrnambool ..	898	993	995	1,008	1,020	1,042	1,024	1,036	1,042	1,066	1,098
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,012	1,009	1,013	1,011	1,046	1,018	1,040	1,050	1,076	1,105
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	838	929	923	924	932	978	968	966	977	1,001	1,039
Toowoomba	806	927	945	949	955	1,001	992	994	1,000	1,016	1,055
Rockhampton ..	825	904	908	917	919	971	959	964	971	989	1,025
Townsville	900	970	975	979	989	1,036	1,029	1,028	1,034	1,051	1,089
Bundaberg	781	888	886	886	897	942	937	937	938	954	992
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	928	926	928	936	982	972	971	981	1,003	1,041
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	862	958	951	957	960	998	972	993	1,001	1,026	1,053
Kadina, &c. ..	702	784	776	779	790	825	803	826	829	843	870
Port Pirie	838	932	923	931	933	971	946	967	971	998	1,024
Mount Gambier ..	801	877	884	895	903	931	912	931	934	947	982
Peterborough ..	836	926	922	935	936	973	948	969	978	996	1,030
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	950	944	949	952	990	964	985	993	1,018	1,045
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	887	989	987	990	989	1,017	995	1,012	1,027	1,034	1,071
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,122	1,121	1,128	1,136	1,174	1,151	1,167	1,180	1,199	1,234
Northam	911	1,001	999	1,001	1,003	1,034	1,009	1,028	1,045	1,055	1,090
Bunbury	945	1,010	1,010	1,015	1,024	1,056	1,031	1,048	1,067	1,078	1,110
Geraldton	974	1,069	1,079	1,072	1,073	1,103	1,079	1,096	1,114	1,124	1,157
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	1,001	1,000	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,009	1,026	1,041	1,049	1,086
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	891	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,053	1,027	1,037	1,064	1,082	1,116
Launceston	867	953	936	943	956	1,001	973	988	1,011	1,033	1,070
Burnie	880	998	958	954	969	1,006	982	992	1,016	1,034	1,067
Devonport	846	942	920	924	939	976	951	962	986	1,004	1,038
Queenstown	900	1,005	1,004	1,014	1,028	1,067	1,041	1,051	1,079	1,096	1,128
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	988	970	977	992	1,032	1,005	1,017	1,043	1,062	1,097
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	1,005	998	1,003	1,005	1,045	1,027	1,037	1,047	1,068	1,100
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,032	1,042	1,052	1,073	1,105
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	872	886	891	904	956	948	947	954	973	1,004
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	914	914	925	929	978	945	966	971	991	1,018
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,013	990	1,014	1,018	1,031	1,063
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,062	1,096	1,087	1,086	1,092	1,117	1,153

(a) See footnote (a) on page 85. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1947.				1948.				Per- centage in- crease from Aug., 1939, to Mar., 1948.
	Aug.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	1,064	1,115	1,112	1,097	1,175	1,200	1,201	1,192	28.7
Newcastle	960	1,082	1,125	1,122	1,110	1,191	1,219	1,221	1,210	26.0
Broken Hill	1,069	1,268	1,299	1,315	1,294	1,420	1,430	1,431	1,427	33.5
Goulburn	991	1,093	1,104	1,127	1,108	1,202	1,227	1,240	1,223	23.4
Bathurst	939	1,064	1,101	1,106	1,090	1,183	1,207	1,231	1,207	28.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,069	1,119	1,116	1,101	1,182	1,206	1,208	1,199	28.6
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	1,052	1,055	1,081	1,063	1,186	1,214	1,218	1,206	29.5
Ballarat	939	1,053	1,056	1,083	1,064	1,187	1,207	1,214	1,203	28.1
Bendigo	915	1,046	1,050	1,067	1,054	1,176	1,195	1,198	1,190	30.1
Geelong	942	1,032	1,045	1,072	1,050	1,180	1,201	1,213	1,198	27.2
Warrnambool .. .	952	1,075	1,082	1,099	1,085	1,191	1,213	1,218	1,207	26.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,051	1,055	1,081	1,062	1,185	1,212	1,218	1,205	29.3
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	1,008	1,057	1,049	1,038	1,133	1,154	1,177	1,155	35.1
Toowoomba	812	1,049	1,095	1,092	1,079	1,162	1,181	1,188	1,177	45.0
Rockhampton .. .	893	1,046	1,096	1,093	1,078	1,160	1,196	1,198	1,185	32.7
Townsville	948	1,107	1,153	1,152	1,137	1,212	1,240	1,257	1,236	30.4
Bundaberg	906	1,072	1,122	1,120	1,105	1,174	1,196	1,212	1,194	31.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	862	1,022	1,071	1,064	1,052	1,143	1,166	1,186	1,165	35.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	998	1,029	1,047	1,025	1,139	1,157	1,170	1,155	31.0
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	1,051	1,069	1,092	1,071	1,162	1,174	1,190	1,175	19.9
Port Pirie	1,001	1,078	1,101	1,121	1,100	1,212	1,230	1,244	1,229	22.8
Mount Gambier ..	930	1,021	1,044	1,056	1,040	1,140	1,153	1,173	1,155	24.2
Peterborough .. .	983	1,053	1,078	1,096	1,076	1,195	1,212	1,223	1,210	23.1
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	891	1,003	1,033	1,052	1,029	1,143	1,160	1,174	1,159	30.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	1,057	1,064	1,083	1,068	1,168	1,202	1,207	1,192	25.9
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	1,191	1,195	1,215	1,200	1,322	1,342	1,347	1,337	21.3
Northam	981	1,071	1,079	1,100	1,083	1,186	1,221	1,224	1,210	23.3
Bunbury	975	1,059	1,062	1,084	1,068	1,173	1,209	1,210	1,197	22.8
Geraldton	958	1,082	1,088	1,108	1,093	1,193	1,231	1,234	1,219	27.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	960	1,067	1,074	1,093	1,078	1,180	1,213	1,218	1,204	25.4
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	1,087	1,088	1,094	1,090	1,220	1,240	1,248	1,236	35.2
Launceston	905	1,031	1,049	1,056	1,045	1,183	1,210	1,217	1,203	32.9
Burnie	942	1,063	1,066	1,076	1,068	1,192	1,212	1,221	1,208	28.2
Devonport	930	1,065	1,069	1,078	1,071	1,197	1,220	1,225	1,214	30.5
Queenstown	1,018	1,185	1,187	1,198	1,190	1,316	1,337	1,346	1,333	30.9
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	917	1,071	1,078	1,084	1,078	1,210	1,233	1,240	1,228	33.9
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	922	1,052	1,081	1,091	1,075	1,175	1,200	1,207	1,194	29.5
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	918	1,048	1,078	1,087	1,071	1,171	1,196	1,203	1,190	29.6
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b) ..	948	1,079	1,123	1,122	1,108	1,196	1,223	1,237	1,219	28.6
Yallourn (V.) (b) ..	991	1,063	1,066	1,079	1,069	1,184	1,202	1,205	1,197	20.8
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	851	1,047	1,097	1,094	1,079	1,154	1,167	1,182	1,168	37.3
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	994	1,063	1,099	1,114	1,092	1,196	1,213	1,225	1,211	21.8
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	1,077	1,131	1,154	1,136	1,235	1,258	1,271	1,255	
Rosebery (T.) (b) ..	1,028	1,167	1,170	1,178	1,172	1,300	1,317	1,329	1,315	27.9
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	1,046	1,137	1,158	1,167	1,154	1,247	1,269	1,268	1,261	20.6

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1947.				1948.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,151	1,144	1,142	1,165	1,212	1,192	1,194	1,218	1,242	1,270
Newcastle	877	1,109	1,094	1,100	1,119	1,167	1,149	1,150	1,169	1,199	1,233
Broken Hill	940	1,172	1,179	1,192	1,216	1,257	1,234	1,237	1,258	1,298	1,324
Goulburn	893	1,125	1,118	1,114	1,134	1,177	1,155	1,160	1,183	1,211	1,243
Bathurst	860	1,091	1,088	1,091	1,116	1,162	1,137	1,147	1,169	1,196	1,229
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,162	1,208	1,189	1,191	1,214	1,239	1,267
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,139	1,135	1,135	1,149	1,188	1,159	1,175	1,189	1,227	1,249
Ballarat	850	1,084	1,083	1,086	1,094	1,132	1,104	1,123	1,132	1,170	1,199
Bendigo	854	1,096	1,101	1,099	1,107	1,141	1,118	1,130	1,139	1,177	1,206
Geelong	884	1,110	1,112	1,113	1,124	1,170	1,144	1,161	1,170	1,203	1,233
Warrnambool	892	1,126	1,129	1,139	1,153	1,186	1,164	1,175	1,185	1,219	1,240
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,135	1,131	1,131	1,145	1,184	1,156	1,171	1,185	1,223	1,246
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,093	1,137	1,123	1,125	1,136	1,163	1,193
Toowoomba	843	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,107	1,152	1,139	1,141	1,153	1,175	1,199
Rockhampton	853	1,073	1,074	1,079	1,096	1,140	1,126	1,129	1,142	1,163	1,191
Townsville	902	1,114	1,117	1,114	1,136	1,181	1,172	1,169	1,181	1,201	1,230
Bundaberg	831	1,057	1,057	1,054	1,074	1,115	1,107	1,108	1,111	1,132	1,165
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,097	1,140	1,127	1,129	1,140	1,165	1,195
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,102	1,098	1,102	1,120	1,165	1,137	1,154	1,169	1,198	1,226
Kadina, &c.	786	998	995	999	1,020	1,067	1,041	1,061	1,072	1,095	1,124
Port Pirie	868	1,087	1,081	1,085	1,106	1,152	1,125	1,142	1,156	1,185	1,215
Mount Gambier	849	1,061	1,064	1,070	1,093	1,134	1,113	1,121	1,137	1,163	1,197
Peterborough	868	1,087	1,087	1,093	1,108	1,152	1,124	1,143	1,159	1,181	1,213
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	1,097	1,093	1,098	1,116	1,160	1,133	1,150	1,165	1,193	1,222
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,104	1,105	1,107	1,127	1,161	1,136	1,151	1,167	1,189	1,221
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,192	1,199	1,202	1,223	1,265	1,239	1,253	1,270	1,297	1,331
Northam	900	1,111	1,113	1,113	1,133	1,171	1,145	1,160	1,177	1,200	1,227
Bunbury	914	1,102	1,110	1,115	1,136	1,173	1,149	1,163	1,180	1,201	1,232
Geraldton	957	1,165	1,176	1,170	1,187	1,221	1,196	1,209	1,229	1,251	1,280
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,136	1,170	1,145	1,160	1,176	1,199	1,230
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,117	1,105	1,107	1,138	1,178	1,152	1,158	1,187	1,216	1,240
Launceston	872	1,078	1,067	1,072	1,099	1,147	1,119	1,133	1,153	1,183	1,208
Burnie	865	1,088	1,065	1,063	1,093	1,132	1,106	1,115	1,139	1,167	1,188
Devonport	848	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,079	1,119	1,094	1,105	1,126	1,149	1,172
Queenstown	875	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,139	1,179	1,153	1,163	1,188	1,213	1,237
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	1,101	1,089	1,092	1,121	1,164	1,137	1,147	1,172	1,201	1,225
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	894	1,127	1,122	1,123	1,142	1,185	1,162	1,171	1,189	1,218	1,245
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,131	1,126	1,126	1,145	1,188	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,221	1,248
Warwick (Q.)(c) ..	800	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,087	1,138	1,123	1,125	1,139	1,164	1,185
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c) ..	863	1,076	1,076	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,125	1,148	1,161	1,192	1,221
Whyalla (S.A.)(c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,175	1,147	1,168	1,179	1,207	1,240
Canberra (A.C.T.)(c) ..	966	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,170	1,210	1,188	1,188	1,213	1,249	1,280

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted Average.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (c)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscell- aneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b)	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b)	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b)	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
1946—September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
December ..	1,037	976	1,011	1,550	1,170	1,156
1947—March ..	1,071	976	1,032	1,525	1,181	1,165
June ..	1,088	976	1,042	1,534	1,184	1,174
September ..	1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,192
December ..	1,138	977	1,073	1,639	1,217	1,221
1948—March ..	1,190	978	1,105	1,661	1,231	1,248

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November. (c) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report, No. 35).

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1948 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.37	6.87	6.87	6.21	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.50	8.50	6.50	7.00	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.30	5.85	5.88	5.43	5.86	6.07	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.80	5.80	5.40	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	9.50	10.40	10.40	10.00	10.64	10.64	9.07	9.07	9.43	10.20	10.30	10.70	9.90	10.90	10.90
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.86	33.86	33.86	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.60	33.60	33.60
Sugar ..	"	4.53	4.53	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.90	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.75
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago ..	"	16.20	16.05	16.20	16.42	16.25	16.08	17.67	17.67	17.67	17.60	17.00	17.00	17.13	16.38	16.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.25	17.40	18.00	15.86	17.29	18.00	15.64	15.64	17.00	15.90	15.90	18.00	16.00	17.40	18.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.61	7.90	7.90	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.50	7.79	9.93	8.80	9.20	9.30	8.70	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.43	4.58	4.58	4.08	4.08	4.08	5.88	5.88	5.88	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.81	4.88	4.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.25	15.61	15.25	15.50	15.50
Currants ..	"	12.19	12.25	12.19	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.50	12.50	12.57	12.63	12.80	12.80	12.00	12.00	11.75
Apricots, dried ..	"	22.80	22.80	23.00	23.33	24.13	24.00	23.75	23.75	24.60	21.75	21.75	21.75	23.00	23.00	23.25
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	17.05	18.25	19.50	17.36	17.71	18.92	18.00	18.00	20.00	18.00	18.00	19.25	17.50	18.40	20.00
Pears, canned ..	"	18.00	19.25	20.44	18.25	18.67	20.08	18.42	19.00	19.50	19.00	19.00	20.88	18.25	20.75	20.75
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.43	10.43	13.55	13.56	13.49	11.12	11.12	11.12	11.40	11.40	11.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.42	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.43	3.36	3.17	3.00	3.14	3.40	3.50	3.50	4.00	3.90	3.90
Soap ..	"	8.00	8.00	8.44	8.10	8.08	8.41	9.33	9.38	9.72	8.92	8.92	8.86	8.43	8.43	8.71
Kerosene ..	quart	6.17	6.23	6.29	6.40	6.53	6.70	7.04	7.04	7.14	6.88	6.88	6.93	6.73	6.83	6.98
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	26.29	25.43	25.14	23.60	23.80	23.70	24.00	24.00	24.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.57	19.57	19.57	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.60	19.60	19.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	31.40	37.30	34.50	31.60	37.43	34.50	30.71	34.00	35.00	31.00	37.30	34.20	31.30	37.40	34.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.30	26.25	26.29	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.40	26.40	26.40	26.50	26.50	26.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	11.35	11.45	11.45	11.36	11.50	11.50	11.64	11.93	11.93	11.90	12.00	12.00	11.60	11.90	11.90
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.95	14.00	14.00	14.14	14.36	14.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	13.60	13.60	13.80	12.60	12.60	13.00
" rib ..	"	8.06	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	15.38	15.38	15.38	10.67	10.67	11.00	9.10	9.10	9.30
" steak, rump ..	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.29	24.29	24.29	25.50	25.50	25.50	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.00	21.20	21.40
" chuck ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.71	9.71	9.71	17.50	17.50	17.50	9.60	9.80	9.80	9.40	9.40	9.80
" sausages ..	"	10.11	10.11	10.10	11.00	14.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.60
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.43	12.57	12.57	17.50	17.50	17.50	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.00	12.10	12.30
" brisket ..	"	8.94	9.00	9.00	9.36	9.71	9.71	15.50	15.50	15.50	10.60	10.60	10.80	10.60	10.70	10.70
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.50	10.56	10.80	10.75	10.90	11.20	13.07	13.07	12.71	11.20	11.40	11.60	11.75	11.75	12.13
" forequarter ..	"	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.60	6.60	9.43	9.43	9.14	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.88	6.88	7.13
" loin ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.20	13.30	13.43	13.43	13.43	11.20	11.30	11.30	11.50	11.50	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	14.00	14.06	14.25	14.00	14.10	14.40	15.00	15.00	15.00	11.60	11.70	11.70	11.50	11.50	12.00
" leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.75	13.70	13.80	15.00	15.00	14.64	11.60	11.80	11.80	11.50	11.50	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	19.20	19.20	19.20	17.71	17.71	17.64	19.20	19.20	19.20	18.00	18.00	18.00
" loin ..	"	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.70	19.70	19.70	16.98	16.93	16.57	19.70	19.70	19.70	18.63	18.63	18.63
" chops ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	20.10	20.10	20.10	19.50	19.50	19.21	19.10	19.10	19.10	19.75	19.88	19.75
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.97	244.19	191.87	223.45	212.56	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.00	6.43	7.00	7.00	6.45	7.00	7.00	6.38	7.00	7.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.65	5.70	5.70	4.36	5.64	5.79	5.36	6.00	6.00	4.50	5.20	5.40	5.10	5.50	5.90
" self-raising ..	"	7.90	9.15	9.15	8.57	9.29	9.50	8.57	9.36	9.36	8.00	8.90	9.10	8.90	9.63	10.00
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.84	4.88	4.88	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.90	4.90	4.90
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago ..	"	17.11	16.57	16.71	17.20	17.20	17.17	17.14	16.71	16.71	16.60	16.80	16.60	17.20	17.20	17.10
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.95	15.17	16.00	14.00	15.00	16.50	13.50	15.14	15.79	13.80	14.30	16.10	14.70	15.30	17.13
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.67	7.64	7.70	7.86	8.07	8.20	7.79	7.86	8.33	7.88	8.00	8.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.92	4.63	4.63	4.29	4.54	4.54	4.19	4.35	4.55	4.50	4.50	4.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	15.00	15.00	14.88	14.67	14.67	14.67	14.75	14.79	14.79	14.00	14.30	14.50	14.80	15.30	15.30
Currants ..	"	12.38	12.50	12.36	11.92	12.33	12.21	12.07	12.14	12.14	12.00	11.88	12.25	12.70	12.60	12.60
Apricots, dried (a)	"	25.09	25.09	25.09	24.09	24.09	24.09	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	23.33	23.33	23.33
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	15.83	16.00	16.38	16.17	16.75	17.00	16.20	16.60	16.60	15.40	15.70	16.13	16.50	16.63	18.50
Pears, canned ..	"	17.06	17.11	17.50	17.42	17.80	18.88	17.60	17.90	17.90	17.00	17.20	17.50	17.90	17.90	19.75
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.11	10.03	10.01	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.33	2.93	2.67	2.90	3.20	3.08	3.60	3.50	3.33	2.63	2.78	2.78	2.68	2.68	2.68
Soap ..	"	8.71	8.62	9.42	8.78	8.67	9.11	8.86	8.86	9.03	8.61	8.75	9.87	8.95	8.95	9.34
Kerosene ..	quart	6.27	6.27	6.39	6.16	6.16	6.57	6.52	6.63	6.77	5.98	5.93	5.98	6.65	6.88	6.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	23.70	23.70	23.70	23.64	23.71	23.86	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.50	23.50	23.80	24.00	24.00	24.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.06	17.06	16.50	16.57	16.71	17.42	17.58	17.42	16.50	16.70	17.10	17.00	17.00	17.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	29.50	31.00	33.00	29.43	30.86	32.93	29.29	30.67	33.00	29.50	31.00	33.00	29.50	31.00	33.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	26.83	26.83	27.00	27.00	26.79	27.00	27.08	27.08	27.08	26.50	27.00	27.00	27.60	27.60	27.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	11.80	11.90	11.95	11.79	12.14	12.21	12.07	12.36	12.36	11.25	11.50	11.80	12.10	12.50	12.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.75	7.75	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.13	8.13	8.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.60	14.70	14.60	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.43	13.43	13.43	14.20	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.20	14.00
" rib ..	"	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.14	12.14	11.79	10.86	10.86	10.86	12.20	12.20	12.20	11.10	11.30	11.10
" steak, rump ..	"	22.50	22.50	22.40	22.00	22.00	22.00	19.86	19.86	19.86	21.80	21.80	21.80	20.00	20.00	20.20
" chuck ..	"	10.70	10.70	10.60	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.10	10.30	10.10
" sausages ..	"	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.80	8.80	8.80
Beef (corned) silver-	"															
" side ..	"	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.20	13.00
" brisket ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.20	9.20	9.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.13	12.13	12.13	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.93	11.93	11.93	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.60	12.40
" forequarter ..	"	7.13	7.13	7.19	7.07	7.07	7.07	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.80	7.80	7.80
" loin ..	"	11.38	11.38	11.13	11.14	11.14	11.14	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.00	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20
" chops, loin ..	"	11.88	11.88	11.88	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.00
" leg ..	"	12.50	12.50	12.63	12.86	12.86	12.86	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.80	13.00	13.00	12.40	12.40	12.40
Pork, leg ..	"	18.00	17.83	18.20	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50
" loin ..	"	19.17	19.17	19.20	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chops ..	"	20.08	20.08	19.80	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.80	17.80	17.80	19.60	19.60	19.60	20.00	20.00	19.50
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		262.64			180.89			187.68			239.44			234.94	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	6.75	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.50	8.25	6.75	7.25	7.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.27	5.23	5.32	4.43	5.07	5.07	5.50	6.50	6.57	5.00	5.70	5.90	4.80	5.40	5.40
" self-raising ..	"	9.14	10.18	10.18	10.08	11.00	11.08	10.29	11.29	11.50	10.70	11.30	11.30	10.10	10.88	10.90
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.93	33.93	33.93	34.10	34.10	34.10	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.15	5.53	5.53	4.47	4.47	4.47
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago ..	"	16.38	16.17	16.17	16.50	16.07	16.07	17.80	17.33	15.70	16.17	16.17	15.50	16.30	16.30	16.30
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.41	15.00	15.32	14.67	16.00	16.57	14.67	15.20	16.10	15.20	16.00	16.20	13.90	15.50	15.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.60	7.73	7.82	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.71	9.07	9.07	8.80	8.90	8.90	8.40	8.40	8.40
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	14.93	14.93	14.93	14.38	14.38	14.38	15.93	15.64	15.64	16.42	17.78	16.70	15.25	15.30	15.30
Currants ..	"	12.42	12.42	12.42	11.83	11.82	13.10	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.88	13.13	13.13
Apricots, dried (a)	"	23.30	23.30	23.30	24.05	24.05	24.05	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.50	23.50	23.50	22.05	22.05	22.05
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.14	19.00	19.00	16.83	16.83	16.83	18.71	18.71	18.71	19.50	19.38	19.67	18.75	18.75	18.75
Pears, canned ..	"	19.63	19.63	19.63	18.00	18.00	18.00	20.79	20.79	20.79	20.70	20.70	20.67	19.67	19.67	19.67
Salmon, m tin (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Pot toes ..	7 lb.	10.41	10.36	10.41	10.50	10.50	11.21	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.10	11.67	11.67	10.70	10.70	14.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	3.09	3.27	2.71	2.71	3.07	2.57	3.50	3.50	3.30	3.70	3.88	2.70	3.25	3.90
Soap ..	lb.	8.55	8.58	9.24	8.83	8.83	9.52	8.67	8.67	9.22	8.60	8.75	8.89	8.73	8.78	9.33
Kerosene ..	quart	5.69	5.69	5.81	6.09	6.13	6.36	6.79	6.79	7.02	6.16	6.16	6.32	6.13	6.13	6.23
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	23.41	23.41	23.41	23.21	23.21	23.21	23.43	23.43	23.43	25.40	25.50	25.50	22.90	23.20	23.20
Cheese, mild ..	doz.	16.23	16.23	16.23	16.36	16.36	16.36	16.64	16.71	16.71	17.60	18.10	18.10	16.60	16.60	16.60
Eggs, new laid ..	lb.	31.00	34.00	34.00	30.33	33.33	33.33	29.43	36.71	35.71	30.00	36.00	36.00	30.60	32.80	32.80
Bacon, rashers ..	tin	24.00	24.00	24.05	24.00	23.71	23.71	23.93	24.00	23.71	23.60	23.40	23.40	23.60	23.60	23.60
Milk, condensed ..	quart	11.27	11.41	11.50	11.79	11.79	11.79	12.07	12.29	12.38	12.10	12.30	12.30	11.40	12.00	12.00
" fresh ..	"	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.00	8.07	8.07	7.57	8.00	8.00	9.70	9.70	9.90	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.00	14.00	15.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.30	14.30	14.30
" rib ..	"	7.50	7.50	8.05	8.07	8.07	8.07	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.90	7.90	7.90
" steak, rump ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.50	19.07	19.07	19.07	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.70	16.70	16.70
" chuck ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.50	8.43	8.43	8.43	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.80	9.80	9.80
" sausages ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.10	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.30	10.30	10.30
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	11.05	11.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.40	12.40	12.40
" brisket ..	"	8.50	8.55	9.55	9.50	9.50	9.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.90	10.90	10.90
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.36	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.90	9.90	9.90
" loin ..	"	10.22	10.22	10.81	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.50	10.50	10.50	12.20	12.20	12.20
" chops, loin ..	"	11.50	11.50	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.57	11.57	11.57	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" leg ..	"	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.80	16.00	16.00
Pork, leg ..	"	15.86	15.86	16.00	15.71	15.71	15.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.10	18.10	18.10	18.10	18.10	18.10
" loin ..	"	18.29	18.29	18.42	17.93	17.93	18.14	18.43	18.43	18.43	18.10	18.63	18.63	19.10	19.10	19.10
" chops ..	"	19.36	19.36	19.58	18.93	18.93	19.14	19.29	19.29	19.29	18.10	18.63	18.63	19.10	19.10	19.10
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	233.27	219.31	210.66	217.94	171.55	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.50	7.00	6.50	6.92	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.45	5.20	5.30	4.86	5.29	5.36	5.14	5.67	5.83	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.00	5.50	5.50
" self-raising ..	"	7.20	7.75	7.80	8.29	8.57	8.79	8.86	9.14	9.14	8.90	9.20	9.30	8.88	9.50	9.25
Tea ..	lb.	33.05	33.10	33.10	33.75	33.75	33.75	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.40	33.40	33.40	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.86	4.90	4.90	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago ..	"	16.45	16.55	16.40	17.29	17.29	17.29	17.75	18.67	17.80	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.67	18.00	17.17
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.00	16.45	16.95	15.50	15.79	17.57	15.43	16.43	17.57	15.40	16.50	18.38	16.00	17.13	18.38
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.60	8.25	8.35	8.29	8.58	8.93	8.83	9.00	9.00	8.20	8.63	8.75	8.63	8.88	9.50
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.88	4.88	4.88	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.38	4.38	4.38	5.50	5.50	5.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.71	14.71	14.86	14.40	14.40	14.40	14.75	14.75	14.75
Currants ..	"	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.33	12.33	12.33	12.13	12.13	12.13	13.00	13.00	13.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	23.00	23.00	23.13	23.50	22.83	23.50	23.83	23.83	23.83	22.50	22.50	22.50	23.00	23.00	23.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	16.50	17.25	18.39	17.13	17.13	18.00	17.33	18.38	19.33	17.50	17.50	18.33	17.75	18.25	19.50
Pears, canned ..	"	17.00	17.70	18.70	17.50	17.50	19.17	17.50	18.40	20.00	18.00	18.00	18.83	18.00	18.83	20.75
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.50	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.86	11.86	11.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	12.63	12.63	12.13
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.38	2.83	2.67	3.50	2.75	2.75	2.93	2.93	2.93	3.00	2.75	2.67	3.17	2.67	2.63
Soap ..	"	8.67	8.67	9.26	9.00	9.00	9.19	8.76	8.76	9.43	8.87	8.87	9.53	9.33	9.33	9.83
Kerosene ..	quart	5.47	5.50	5.60	5.70	5.70	5.81	6.09	6.09	6.20	6.13	6.18	6.20	5.94	5.97	6.10
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.86	23.93	23.93	24.07	24.07	24.07	23.60	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.06	16.06	16.06	16.33	16.33	16.33	17.20	17.20	17.20	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.50	17.75	17.75
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.40	31.10	32.50	23.00	26.17	26.17	23.50	26.67	27.25	21.00	22.40	25.20	23.00	26.00	26.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.80	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.07	25.07	25.33	25.33	25.33	25.10	25.10	25.10	25.50	25.50	25.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.65	10.75	10.80	11.07	11.29	11.43	11.00	11.36	11.36	11.10	11.40	11.50	10.88	11.13	11.25
" fresh ..	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.86	7.86	7.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.80	7.80	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.64	12.64	12.79	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.90	12.70	12.70	12.50	12.67	12.67
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.07	10.93	11.07	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.50	10.50	10.50
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.71	17.57	17.86	19.43	19.43	19.43	17.20	17.20	17.20	18.50	18.50	18.50
" chuck ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.36	11.36	11.36	13.57	13.57	13.57	9.80	9.90	9.90	11.83	11.83	11.83
" sausages ..	"	8.67	8.67	8.67	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.40	8.40	8.67	8.67	8.67
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.93	12.79	12.79	13.59	13.57	13.57	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.50
" brisket ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.21	10.21	10.21	11.50	11.57	11.57	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.50	10.50	10.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.14	12.14	12.14	10.90	10.90	10.90	12.00	12.00	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.50	8.50	8.50	6.60	6.60	6.60	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.33	11.33	11.33	9.70	10.30	10.30	11.50	11.50	11.50
" chops, loin ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.50	11.50	11.50
" leg ..	"	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.29	12.29	12.29	13.14	13.14	13.14	11.40	11.40	11.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.14	15.14	15.14	15.93	15.86	15.86	15.80	15.80	15.80	16.00	16.00	16.00
" loin ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.80	15.80	15.80	16.33	16.33	16.33
" chops ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.92	15.92	15.79	17.29	17.29	17.29	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.50	17.50	17.50
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	242.45	100.65	178.62	180.63	189.95	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.57	6.71	5.25	6.00	6.00	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.50	11.07	11.07	10.13	10.50	10.63	10.33	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.10	11.10
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.25	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago ..	"	18.70	18.60	18.60	21.71	21.67	21.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.38	19.38	19.38
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.50	18.75	19.00	18.14	19.14	20.50	17.50	20.00	20.00	17.25	20.00	20.00	17.50	19.90	20.30
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.44	8.70	8.85	10.33	10.50	10.40	9.25	9.25	9.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.25	9.38	9.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.44	5.44	5.44	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	14.69	14.75	14.88	15.63	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.17	15.17	15.17	14.90	14.80	14.80
Currants ..	"	12.75	12.75	12.90	13.50	13.67	13.83	13.25	13.38	13.25	12.88	12.88	12.88	13.00	13.00	13.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.40	25.50	25.50	26.25	26.25	26.25	26.67	26.00	26.25	25.75	26.25	26.25	26.00	26.00	26.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	19.90	20.30	20.00	22.50	22.00	19.50	20.83	21.50	19.50	21.75	21.67	19.50	21.50	21.50
Pears, canned ..	"	19.50	21.25	21.75	21.00	24.00	23.30	20.50	22.00	23.00	20.50	23.25	23.17	20.50	22.88	22.88
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.45	10.45	10.45	11.64	11.64	11.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.50	11.50	11.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.20	3.20	3.15	3.75	3.79	3.79	3.63	3.75	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.40	3.40	3.40
Soap ..	"	8.67	8.67	9.33	9.67	9.67	9.95	9.33	9.33	10.00	9.00	9.17	9.50	9.33	9.33	9.46
Kerosene ..	quart	7.13	7.13	7.50	9.05	9.17	9.40	7.91	8.04	8.28	8.17	8.36	8.44	7.95	8.10	8.32
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	24.00	24.00	24.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.50	24.50	24.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.83	18.20	18.40	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.13	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.50	18.50	18.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	31.00	33.00	30.33	34.00	35.57	22.25	26.25	27.00	24.00	29.75	29.50	25.20	30.60	32.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	25.00	24.95	24.95	26.07	26.07	26.00	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.60	25.60	25.60
Milk, condensed ..	tin	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.07	12.43	12.50	11.63	11.75	12.00	12.25	12.50	12.63	12.00	12.00	12.00
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" sausages ..	"	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.90	13.00	13.00	13.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.67	11.67	11.67
" chops, loin ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" leg ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" loin ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
" chops ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	239.37	271.84	228.95	246.83	268.11	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936.

See also

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1948 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.50	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.01	7.07	6.88	7.38	7.38	7.00	7.50	7.50	6.50	7.00	7.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.45	6.00	6.00	5.14	6.00	6.00	5.30	6.00	6.00	5.10	5.80	6.00	5.13	5.75	5.88
" self-raising ..	"	8.40	9.50	9.50	7.79	9.36	9.36	8.00	9.40	9.50	8.10	9.50	9.50	7.75	9.38	9.63
Tea ..	1 lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.13	33.13	33.13
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.55	4.63	4.55	4.75	4.75	4.75
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago ..	"	18.50	18.50	18.38	17.80	17.30	17.36	19.10	18.80	18.80	19.20	19.20	19.30	18.50	18.50	18.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	13.00	13.00	11.00	12.43	12.71	10.80	12.80	13.40	11.20	13.20	13.20	12.00	12.50	13.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	4.50	8.00	8.00	7.93	7.93	7.93	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.63	4.63	4.63	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	14.57	14.38	14.38	14.00	14.75	14.75	14.67	15.00	15.00	14.88	14.90	14.90	14.50	14.63	15.00
Currants ..	"	12.55	12.60	12.60	12.00	12.08	12.17	12.38	12.38	12.50	12.63	12.63	12.63	12.88	13.00	13.38
Apricots, dried (a)	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.50	23.50	23.50	22.60	22.60	22.60	24.00	24.00	24.00	22.75	22.75	22.75
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	16.50	17.25	18.50	16.50	16.50	18.50	16.50	16.50	18.50	16.75	16.75	18.50	17.50	17.50	18.17
Pears, canned ..	"	17.50	18.25	19.50	17.58	17.50	19.50	17.75	17.75	19.50	17.88	17.88	19.00	18.50	18.50	19.17
Salmon, in tins (a)	1 lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.44	10.44	12.29	12.29	12.92
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	4.07	3.93	4.07	4.00	3.70	4.00	3.25	3.20	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	3.33	3.50	3.50
Soap ..	"	8.67	8.67	9.33	8.67	8.67	9.33	8.67	8.67	9.33	8.67	8.67	9.20	9.00	9.00	9.17
Kerosene ..	quart	7.61	7.70	8.50	7.73	8.04	8.39	7.48	7.48	7.58	7.78	8.50	8.53	8.09	8.36	8.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.57	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	31.00	34.00	37.00	31.00	34.00	37.17	31.50	34.33	37.83	31.00	34.00	37.00	32.00	36.00	39.25
Bacon, rashers ..	1 lb.	25.11	25.11	25.11	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.20	24.80	24.80	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.50	25.50	25.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	11.90	12.00	12.00	11.71	12.00	12.00	11.60	12.00	12.00	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.25	12.25
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.	15.10	14.90	15.10	14.14	14.14	14.29	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" rib ..	"	12.90	12.90	13.10	12.36	12.36	12.36	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" steak, rump ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.10	19.14	19.14	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
" chuck ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" sausages ..	"	9.22	9.22	9.33	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.33	9.33	9.33	11.00	11.00	11.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	15.10	15.10	15.10	13.43	13.43	13.43	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" brisket ..	"	12.45	12.45	12.60	11.86	11.86	11.71	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.05	13.05	12.85	12.42	12.57	12.57	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" forequarter ..	"	8.85	8.75	8.85	8.71	8.86	8.71	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
" loin ..	"	12.60	12.60	12.60	11.57	11.57	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" chops, loin ..	"	13.05	13.25	13.05	12.29	12.57	12.57	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" leg ..	"	13.95	14.15	13.95	12.43	12.57	12.57	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
Pork, leg ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.29	14.29	14.29	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
" loin ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.29	14.29	14.29	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
" chops ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.29	14.29	14.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		252.31			234.48			214.51			193.77			204.86	

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,803	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,606	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 86 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1936-37 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1944-45—										
January ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,822	1,217	1,396
February ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,304	1,830	1,225	1,404
March ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408
April ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,333	1,835	1,245	1,419
May ..	1,306	1,609	1,525	1,429	1,398	1,748	1,331	1,795	1,249	1,410
June ..	1,306	1,609	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,748	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945-46—										
July ..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August ..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September ..	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October ..	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November ..	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246	1,404
December ..	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,399
January ..	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244	1,403
February ..	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249	1,403
March ..	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257	1,413
April ..	1,300	1,519	1,540	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,370	1,773	1,274	1,420
May ..	1,300	1,519	1,579	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,370	1,774	1,275	1,421
June ..	1,300	1,519	1,544	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,367	1,766	1,275	1,419
1946-47—										
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,356	1,766	1,265	1,413
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,343	1,745	1,252	1,398
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,340	1,743	1,262	1,404
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,379	1,787	1,275	1,426
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,376	1,755	1,278	1,418
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,371	1,750	1,282	1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,796	1,375	1,749	1,296	1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,803	1,393	1,745	1,314	1,440
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,065	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,101	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June ..	1,350	1,448	2,145	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,436	1,818	1,327	1,470
1947-48—										
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,136	1,412	1,149	1,845	1,438	1,832	1,335	1,481
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,430	1,412	1,149	1,847	1,439	1,857	1,340	1,492
September ..	1,358	1,578	2,522	1,424	1,216	1,847	1,452	1,891	1,350	1,509
October ..	1,359	1,578	2,589	1,434	1,216	1,855	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,578	2,813	1,434	1,296	1,894	1,514	1,948	1,401	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,632	2,805	1,434	1,294	1,902	1,537	1,955	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,059	1,529	1,307	1,908	1,565	1,931	1,498	1,625
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,156	1,529	1,315	1,916	1,585	1,936	1,515	1,639
March ..	1,514	1,654	3,023	1,529	1,266	1,912	1,586	1,953	1,509	1,640

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin No. 40, Part II*. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	992	1,064
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,015
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1940-41	1,005	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,054
1941-42	1,025	1,158	1,075	1,096	1,176	1,218	1,106
1942-43	1,175	1,273	1,171	1,219	1,249	1,191	1,221
1943-44	1,331	1,327	1,213	1,307	1,298	1,191	1,303
1944-45	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,197	1,399
1945-46	1,521	1,331	1,240	1,380	1,493	1,219	1,385
1946-47(b)	1,692	1,643	1,240	1,582	1,538	1,227	1,568
1946-47—(b)							
January	1,777	1,706	1,240	1,640	1,551	1,227	1,619
February	1,784	1,751	1,240	1,663	1,524	1,227	1,641
March	1,781	1,782	1,240	1,676	1,531	1,227	1,653
April	1,782	1,785	1,239	1,677	1,527	1,227	1,655
May	1,779	1,811	1,243	1,689	1,550	1,227	1,665
June	1,784	1,812	1,243	1,691	1,543	1,227	1,667
1947-48—(b)							
July	1,784	1,812	1,243	1,690	1,545	1,227	1,667
August	1,781	2,083	1,238	1,812	1,546	1,227	1,772
September	1,795	2,129	1,238	1,837	1,581	1,227	1,706
October	1,793	2,228	1,238	1,881	1,589	1,227	1,835
November	1,802	2,409	1,314	1,981	1,841	1,227	1,925
December	2,008	2,409	1,413	2,073	1,841	1,227	2,006
January	2,021	2,636	1,413	2,180	1,841	1,227	2,102
February	2,029	2,727	1,413	2,224	1,840	1,227	2,141
March	2,032	2,591	1,413	2,164	1,845	1,227	2,090

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000).

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e) ..	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
(f) ..	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.27	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,129	988	1,155	1,144
1937-38 ..	989	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	999	982	1,024	1,022
1938-39 ..	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	821	834
1940-41 ..	1,013	1,016	1,095	945	1,032	1,370	953	817	975	1,214	1,026	1,039
1941-42 ..	1,013	1,045	1,095	1,005	1,092	1,372	1,058	1,139	1,325	1,201	1,047	1,059
1942-43 ..	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137	1,142
1943-44 ..	1,165	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,207	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,169	1,171
1944-45 ..	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,218	1,715	1,281	1,447	1,474	1,204	1,304	1,298
1945-46 ..	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,234	2,130	1,374	1,519	1,517	1,223	1,476	1,459
1946-47 ..	1,690	3,409	1,734	3,076	1,393	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,121	1,223	2,131	2,069
1945-46—												
March ..	1,165	2,549	1,474	2,184	1,234	2,283	1,508	1,519	1,518	1,223	1,576	1,552
April ..	1,165	2,549	1,474	2,247	1,234	2,283	1,508	1,519	1,555	1,223	1,580	1,557
May ..	1,165	2,549	1,474	2,317	1,234	2,283	1,508	1,519	1,555	1,223	1,586	1,562
June ..	1,165	2,549	1,474	2,299	1,234	2,283	1,508	1,519	1,555	1,223	1,585	1,561
1946-47—												
July ..	1,165	2,628	1,734	2,552	1,234	2,283	1,508	3,038	2,374	1,223	1,666	1,636
August ..	1,165	2,800	1,734	2,623	1,234	2,283	1,508	3,038	2,544	1,223	1,704	1,672
September ..	1,546	2,800	1,734	2,717	1,234	2,283	1,508	3,038	2,842	1,223	1,899	1,853
October ..	1,621	2,946	1,734	2,833	1,446	2,283	1,508	3,038	2,842	1,223	1,986	1,935
November ..	1,735	3,124	1,734	2,911	1,446	2,283	1,508	3,038	3,140	1,223	2,083	2,025
December ..	1,735	3,427	1,734	2,955	1,446	2,283	1,508	3,038	3,438	1,223	2,143	2,081
January ..	1,810	3,432	1,734	3,166	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	3,415	1,223	2,215	2,148
February ..	1,886	3,625	1,734	3,151	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	3,759	1,223	2,289	2,217
March ..	1,886	3,908	1,734	3,263	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	3,610	1,223	2,348	2,272
April ..	1,886	4,054	1,734	3,580	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,461	1,223	2,398	2,319
May ..	1,923	4,064	1,734	3,630	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,162	1,223	2,420	2,339
June ..	1,923	4,096	1,734	3,525	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	2,864	1,223	2,416	2,335
1947-48—									(g)			
July ..	1,923	4,096	1,734	3,515	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,221	1,223	2,416	2,335
August ..	2,376	4,096	1,734	3,493	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,637	2,541
September ..	2,451	4,263	1,734	3,523	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,708	2,606
October ..	2,564	4,592	1,734	3,584	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,679	1,223	2,834	2,724
November ..	2,866	4,973	2,035	3,557	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,679	1,223	3,088	2,959
December ..	2,866	4,973	2,035	3,589	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,679	1,223	3,089	2,962
January ..	3,243	5,104	2,035	3,685	1,446	3,401	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,318	3,174
February ..	3,394	5,224	2,035	3,621	1,446	3,401	1,569	3,797	4,043	1,223	3,412	3,262
March ..	3,168	5,224	2,035	3,789	1,446	3,401	1,557	3,797	3,873	1,223	3,311	3,169

(a) Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.
 (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of
 base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage
 distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
 (g) Revised.

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

Section IX.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

* (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (b)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (a)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
1947	1,967	1,597	1,817	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,575	1,306	1.2
Quarter—									
1938.									
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,259	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September ..	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December ..	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527	1,307	1.4
June	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545	1,306	1.2
September ..	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,367	1,846	1,978	2,582	1,305	1.1
December ..	2,035	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,853	2,026	2,644	1,305	0.9
1948.									
March	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	..	..	0.9

(a) See footnote (c) on page 86.

(b) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(c) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1946.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,598,767	3,768,255
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,544,768	3,750,991
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,143,535	7,519,246
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	176,379
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.92	23.62
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	74,661
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.01	10.00
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	79,496
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.57	10.64
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1946-47.(b)
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area .. '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	13,172
Yield .. '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	117,262
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	8.90
Oats—Area .. '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,727
Yield .. '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	15,565
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	9.01
Barley—Area .. acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	747,966
Yield .. '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	11,597
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	15.51
Maize—Area .. acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	801,360	259,738
Yield .. '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,808
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	22.36
Hay—Area .. '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,006
Yield .. '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,357
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.18
Potatoes—Area .. acres	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	144,729
Yield .. tons	(c) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	540,292
Average yield tons	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.74
Sugar-cane—Area (d) acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	228,957
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,027
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	17.74
Vineyards—Area .. acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	130,532
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	30,596
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(e) 15,519	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 31,890	49,714	62,412	(f) 100,939
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,195
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	13,427
Sheep ..	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	95,723
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,273
Wool production (g) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,158	972,909
Butter ..	(h)	(i) 42,315	(i) 103,747	(i) 212,074	(i) 267,071	391,249	375,494	321,019
Cheese ..	(h)	(i) 10,131	(i) 11,845	(i) 15,887	(i) 32,653	31,423	67,520	94,300
Meat (j)—								
Beef and Veal .. tons	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)	{ 339,495	349,835	533,502	487,797
Mutton and Lamb ..	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)	{ 218,381	307,277	371,726	302,637
Pork ..	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)	{ 11,060	22,746	58,086	31,192
Bacon and Ham ..	(h)	(i) 7,487	(i) 15,188	(i) 23,810	(i) 26,173	31,751	42,464	45,990
Total ..	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)	{ 608,196	727,484	1,027,010	890,611
Total net value of— pastoral production £'000	{ 29,538	(e) 39,256	(e) 36,890	(e) 72,883	(e) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358	(f) 86,312
dairying production ..	{ 22,564	(e) 22,564	(e) 22,564	(e) 22,564	(e) 22,564	{ 22,564	34,344	(f) 49,540
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1946.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	8,873
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	8,411
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,715
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	743
Zinc ..	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	2,698
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,583
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	39,595
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn— '000 sup. ft.	(h)	(h)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	(f) 894,784
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..	{ 14,455	{ 18,023	{ 21,657	{ 26,971	{ 34,767	{ 40,700	{ 46,840	{ 52,945
Hands employed .. No.	{ 311,710	{ 378,540	{ 468,051	{ 559,932	{ 681,439	{ 816,439	{ 912,945	{ 1,012,648
Wages paid .. £'000	{ 27,528	{ 36,051	{ 46,840	{ 58,143	{ 71,439	{ 87,439	{ 102,945	{ 117,262
Value of production ..	{ 151,259	{ 212,674	{ 271,674	{ 332,332	{ 408,332	{ 498,332	{ 598,332	{ 708,332
Total value of output ..	{ 133,022	{ 182,332	{ 232,332	{ 282,332	{ 332,332	{ 382,332	{ 432,332	{ 482,332

(a) At 31st December.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Partly estimated.

(d) Productive cane.

(e) Gross value.

(f) 1945-46.

(g) In terms of greasy.

(h) Not available.

(i) Years ended December.

(j) Bone-in-Weight—in terms of fresh meat, bacon and ham—cured weight.

(k) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1946-47.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No. '000 tons	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	2,489
	2,549	4,726	6,542	9,985	9,081	11,396	10,768	10,406
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea								
£'000 f.o.b.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,893	51,789	173,424	209,363
Per head .. £	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/5/6	27/16/10
Exports—Oversea	£'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977
Per head .. £	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1	41/1/10
Total—Oversea trade	£'000	54,008	70,398	88,353	140,490	221,740	160,193	342,401
Per head .. £	23/16/0	22/0/6	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/18/7	68/18/8
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	55,551	101,616
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/6	13/10/3
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS								
(a)—								
Wool—Quantity (b) '000 lb.	323,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	1,432,905
Value .. £'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	126,104
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	12,176
Value .. £'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	6,338
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	765
Value .. £'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	22,535
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	133,642
Value .. £'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	12,570
Hides and skins .. "	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	15,423
Tallow Inedible .. "	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	317
Meats .. "	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	21,130
Timber (undressed) .. "	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	891
Gold .. "	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	1
Silver and lead .. "	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	10,982
Copper .. "	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18 (c)	543
Coal .. "	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	55
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,180
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	333,993
Gross revenue .. "	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	65,202
Working expenses .. "	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	60,615
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	92.97
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901 (d)	942,403
" Per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17 (d)	125.63
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974 (d)	185,599
" Per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94 (d)	24.74
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—		</						

(a) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. Australian currency values. (b) In terms of greasy. (c) Includes Copper Base Alloys. (d) 1945-46. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (h) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June.

